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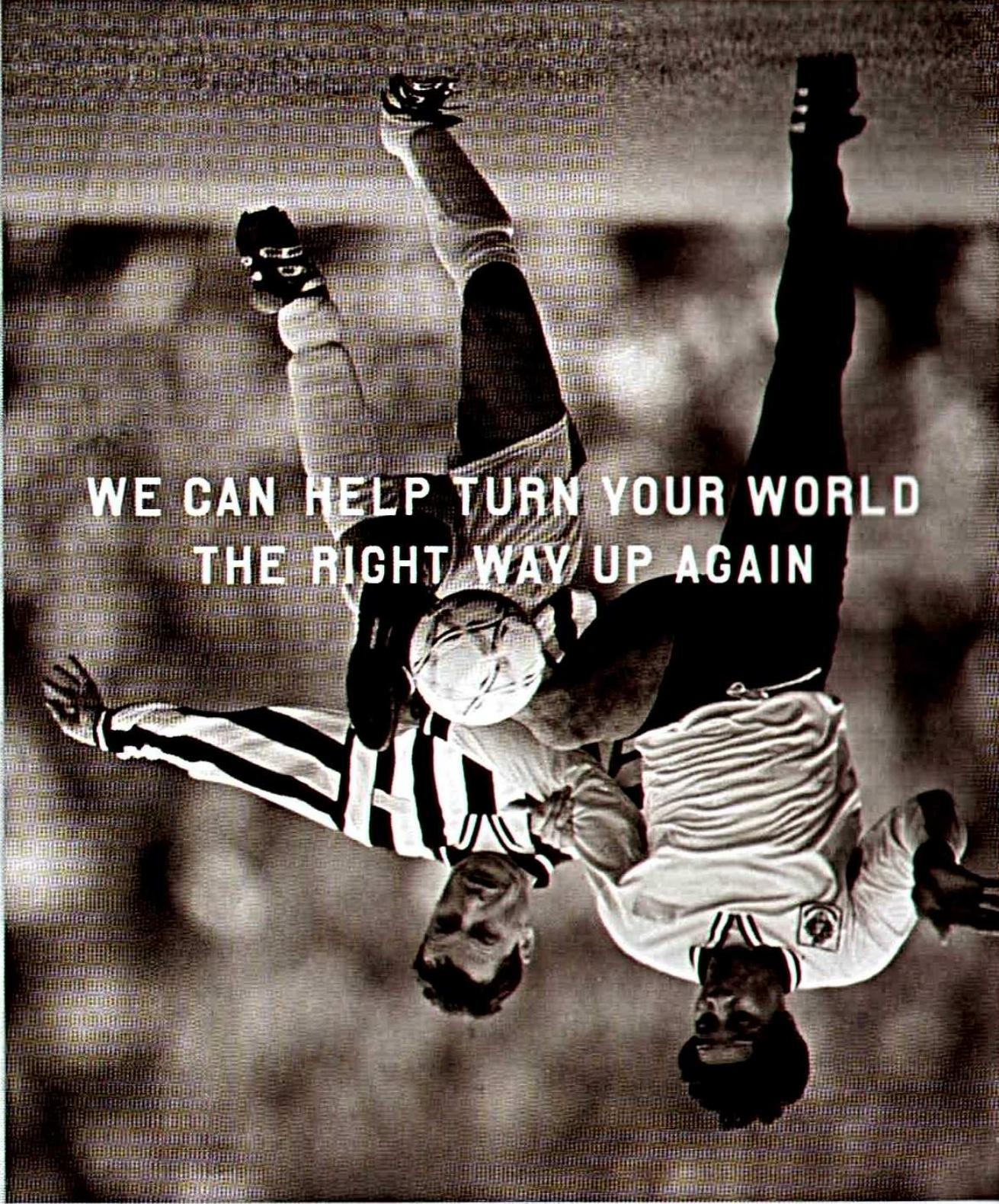
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## EDITOR'S EYE

Writing these notes following the shocking and upsetting events of Tuesday afternoon has not been easy. Everything that I was going to mention in this column seems so immaterial.

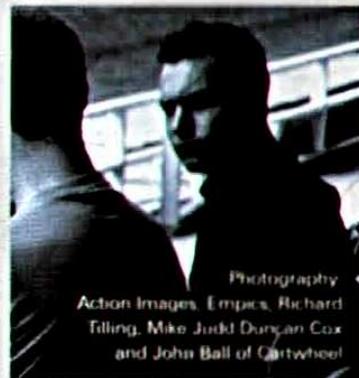
It was bizarre to imagine, almost unfair if you like, that whilst a huge number of people were still reeling from the devastation, that over here games of football across the nation were still taking place. Nevertheless, those that travelled to the Hawthorns paid tribute to those in America with an impeccable minutes silence.

In terms of Town's performance, they could not have played any better than they did. We hustled and hustled, kept possession and whenever Town lost the ball, quickly won it back with some tenacious tackling. West Brom had no answer to it and for 90 minutes, Town played like the Division One side. Furthermore, in a crowd of over 14,000, the 500 or so that travelled up from Wiltshire were incredible - silencing the home fans for the majority of the game. That said, we still lost the match and the two goals either side of extra time were devastating blows. I hope that we can build on that performance and just add that clinical precision in attack - few teams will beat us if we do.

A couple of weeks ago, everyone connected with Swindon Town Football Club was mourning the death of the late Stan Harland. Everyone at this club held Stan in high regard and Dick Mattick pays tribute to him on page 33. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

All the best and enjoy the read\*.

**Nick Judd** - Magazine Editor



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"GET BEHIND ROY AND THE BOYS THIS AFTERNOON. THE ATMOSPHERE AT OUR LAST HOME GAME WAS SUPERB, SO I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU"

Our thoughts are with  
Keith O'Halloran

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Over the past couple of weeks I have received many positive comments about our new website: [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk).

A lot of work has been put in by our new web editor, Steve Gales, since he joined us about six weeks ago to get us online and I'm delighted so many fans are now logging on to get all the latest news, views and reports direct from the County Ground. Supporters can now listen to all games – home and away – live via our special link with BBC Wiltshire Sound and even catch the action from previous games courtesy of a new video link. Another interesting feature of the site is [www.swindonbet.co.uk](http://www.swindonbet.co.uk) – our own dedicated betting page. Every club in the Football League now has a link to enable supporters to conduct all their betting – on football, rugby, racing - anything via our club site – and every time a Town fan uses this unique facility the club receives a commission. So make sure you place your bets with us and help the club at the same time. Remember, it's [www.swindontownfc.co.uk](http://www.swindontownfc.co.uk).

Last weekend I was also delighted to see so many Town fans attending the Honda Factory open day. Over the past few months we have been talking with Honda about a number of new initiatives and we were – particularly pleased to be invited to attend their day to promote the club. Roy and a number of the players attended and on behalf of the club, may I wish Honda every success with their new factory. I would also like to thank our marketing department and in particular Rob O'Carroll for their splendid efforts in organising the day.

The past couple of weeks have not been too good on the injury front. Eric suffered cartilage damage during our game against Colchester United and then poor Keith broke his leg at Bournemouth last weekend. Eric has undergone surgery and is now on the way back but I'm sure all our thoughts go to Keith for a speedy recovery. It was a particularly nasty break but as a 'family' we will make sure he is looked after – that is, I'm sure you will agree, the very least we can and should do. This afternoon we return to league action and welcome the directors, players, staff and supporters of Tranmere Rovers. Despite some heroic cup results last season they suffered relegation to Division Two. It will always be tough to live in the shadow of two great clubs like Liverpool and Everton but we wish Lorraine Rogers and her directors all the best in their endeavours. Finally, it leaves me with one last task and that is to ask you to get behind Roy and the boys this afternoon. The atmosphere at our last home game was superb, so I'll leave it to you. Come on you Reds.



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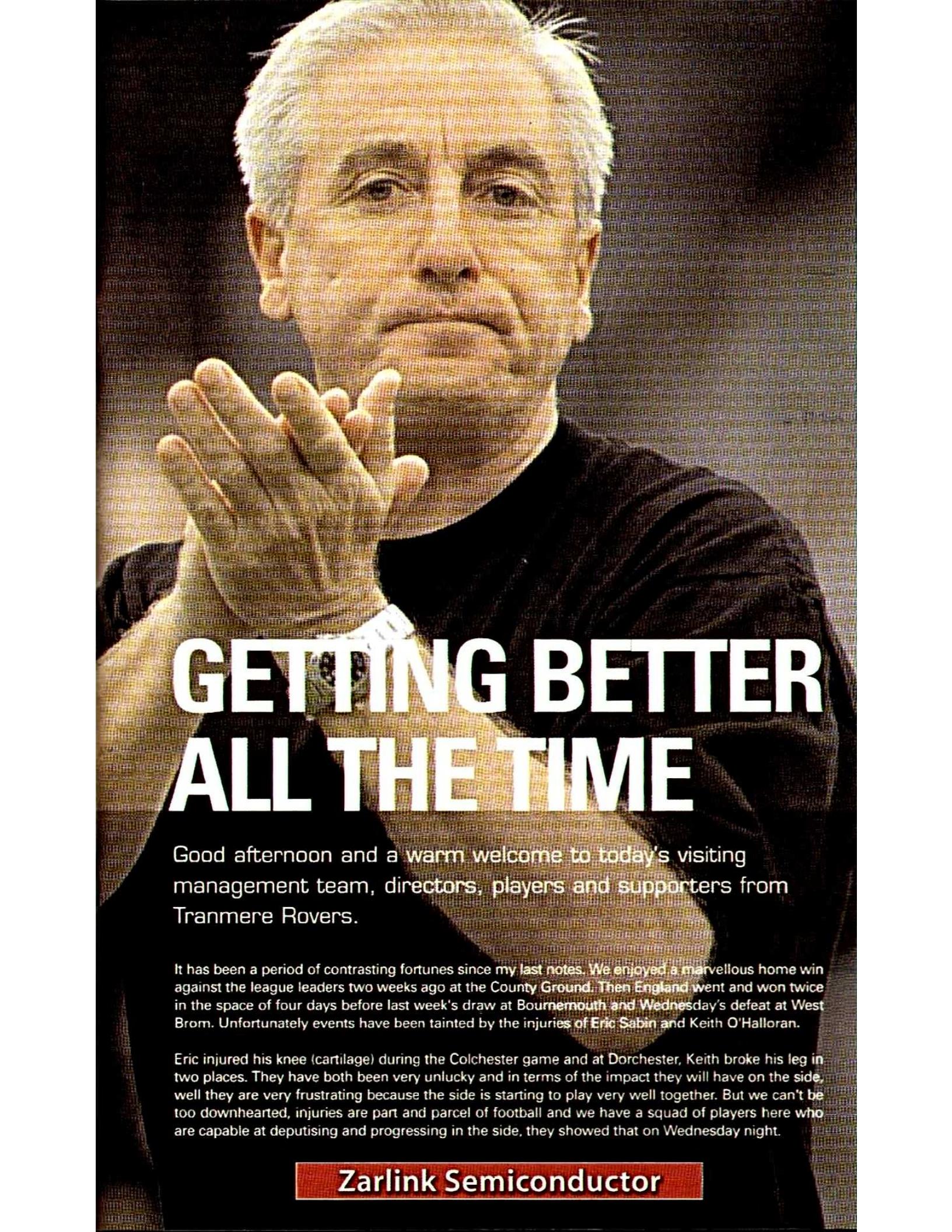
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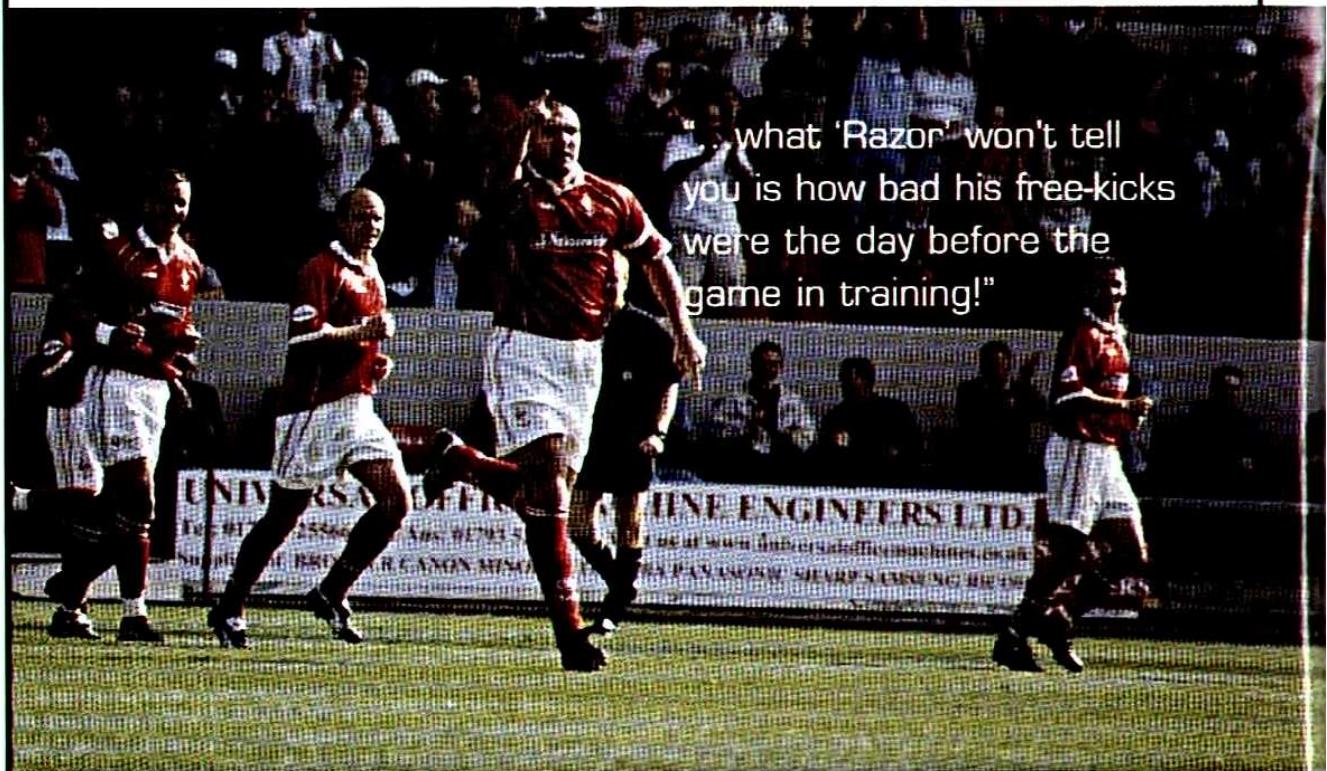
# GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to today's visiting management team, directors, players and supporters from Tranmere Rovers.

It has been a period of contrasting fortunes since my last notes. We enjoyed a marvellous home win against the league leaders two weeks ago at the County Ground. Then England went and won twice in the space of four days before last week's draw at Bournemouth and Wednesday's defeat at West Brom. Unfortunately events have been tainted by the injuries of Eric Sabin and Keith O'Halloran.

Eric injured his knee (cartilage) during the Colchester game and at Dorchester, Keith broke his leg in two places. They have both been very unlucky and in terms of the impact they will have on the side, well they are very frustrating because the side is starting to play very well together. But we can't be too downhearted, injuries are part and parcel of football and we have a squad of players here who are capable at deputising and progressing in the side, they showed that on Wednesday night.

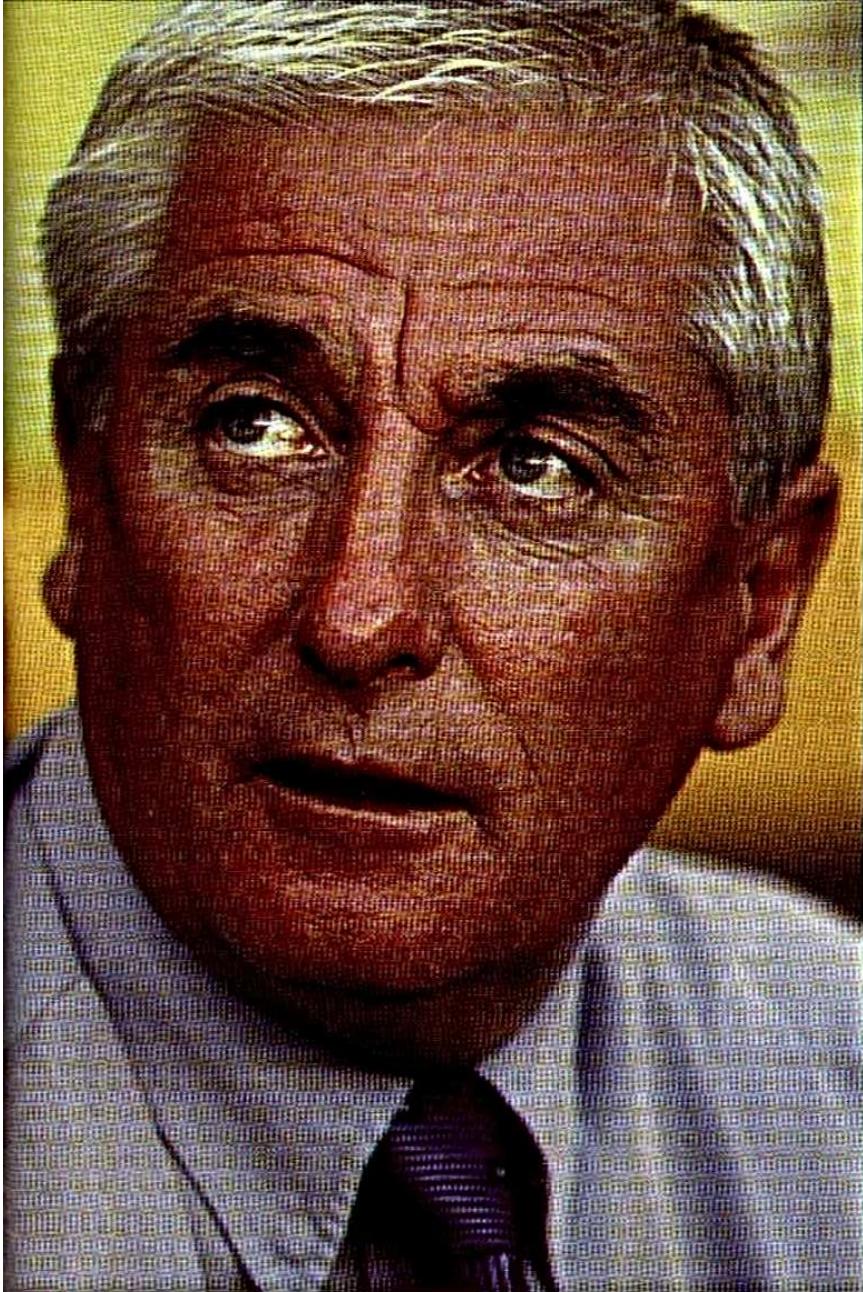
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I feel sorry for the lads because they were both starting to impose themselves on the side and they now face a tough task getting fit. The most important thing is that they recover and they are young enough and strong enough to come through this.

Injuries aside, it has been a very promising couple of weeks for us. Having recovered from the Oldham defeat with a win against Bury, it was important that we get that first win under our belts against Colchester and the attitude, determination from the players and supporters alike was magnificent. Colchester are a very good footballing side and you could see why they have started the season so well. We dealt with them and played our own game and we kept possession, passed the ball well and created chances going forward and generally improved all over the park. 'Razor' managed to get onto the score sheet with a great free-kick but I am sure that he will go on about it elsewhere in the programme and what he won't tell you is how bad his free-kicks were the day before the game! I must say that the lads' attitude in training has been fantastic. Their hard work has earned this latest run of results and it is all credit to them that we have picked up seven points in the last three games.

However, there is still room for improvement. That could so easily have been nine points from nine and to be honest, I thought that Bournemouth were there for the taking. So far this season they have struggled to play away from Dean Court and we really should have punished them more than we did. We did start the game in the best possible fashion.



## CROZZERS COLUMN

Town's assistant manager gives his views on events of the last week.

With Bournemouth struggling at home this season, we really thought that we could have got three points. What disappointed me was that we started the game well, but we only managed to dominate short spells of the game as opposed to long periods. We did struggle with the short length of the pitch because it meant that we couldn't turn their defence around, but the way we are playing at the moment we should really have punished them more than we did. I don't think Keith's injury helped at all either. He was unfortunate and our thoughts go out to him as he starts the road to recovery. But from that point, Bobby had to drop further back and Graz came on. It always takes a while for a substitute to get into a game and we lost our impetus at that stage.

But we mustn't be too hard on ourselves. The last three performances have been good but we need to believe that we are as good, if not better than most teams in this league. We have proven that in our performances and if we can beat the top team in the division, there is no reason why we can't beat anyone else, including today's visitors.

We kept the ball, didn't let them have any space and generally took the game to them. But I was disappointed that overall, we only managed to dominate for short periods. Keith's injury knocked the wind out of our sails and we had to change our system with Bobby Howe dropping into midfield and 'Graz' filling his role. For whatever reason we didn't manage to continue the rhythm that we had built up and that is something I will be hoping we can put right this afternoon. Today we face a team from my neck of the woods, Tranmere Rovers. Tranmere are a strong side and I know Dave Watson very well. The personnel he has at his disposal is much the same squad that did so well in the cup last year. They will be reeling from last week's defeat, but today's encounter is about us and how we approach the game. If we can play as well as we can do and show the same attitude and focus on our qualities, then I am confident that we can collect three points. We have proved we can beat the top teams at home and with a similar atmosphere to that against Colchester, we can really go at Tranmere. On the subject, may I thank those supporters that travelled to Bournemouth and West Bromwich Albion last week. Your support has been superb and I think the improvement on the pitch reflects that.

# STFC DIARY


**29TH AUG**

**TOWN LOSE OUT IN RESERVE DERBY**

Town's reserve side fall to their second defeat in three games against local rivals Oxford United. Town, who lost their first game of the season to Wycombe Wanderers, slipped to their second defeat thanks to a goal from Oxford stalwart Paul Powell. Town travel to Brighton in hope of a second victory to get back to winning ways.

**1ST SEP**

**TOWN TOPPLE LEAGUE LEADERS AT HOME**

Town register their first home win of the season against league leaders, Colchester United. In an exciting encounter in which both sides created numerous chances, Town stole the only goal of the game with a Neil Ruddock free-kick from the edge of the area. Eric Sabin is taken off with a knee injury.

**3RD SEP**

**TOWN HOSTS RADIO FIVE**

Town supporters had a chance to question Roy Evans and Neil Ruddock, as well as Jennie Pitman and Catherine Merrie on a live radio show, 'Sport in Question', hosted by John Inverdale. The show was broadcasted live from Town's Winners Lounge and the night was a resounding success with nearly 200 local sports fans in attendance.

**4TH SEP**

**STALEMATE ON SOUTH COAST**

Town's reserves managed a point against a strong Brighton side last Wednesday. Berti Brayley came close on numerous occasions for a Town side that included trialist Reisinho. Richard McKinney was also in fine form as he kept the home side out with an impressive array of saves. You can find a full report on page 12.

**8TH SEP**

**TOWN HELD TO 0-0 DRAW AT DORCHESTER**

Town were held to a 0-0 draw by Bournemouth who are struggling to come to terms with playing their home games at Dorchester. Town had several chances to take the lead in a game that saw Keith O'Halloran stretchered off with a broken leg. Kuffour came close twice, whilst Hewlett had a good chance to score at the death.

**11TH SEP**

**DOMINANT TOWN BOW OUT AFTER EXTRA-TIME**

Town bowed out of the cup at the Hawthorns after dominating the game for ninety minutes. Town had done everything but score in normal time but were punished for their lack of penetration with two devastating goals in extra time. Scott Dobie scored the first before Jordao confounded Town's misery with a second goal late on.

# TRUST

## Q&A

First of all, many thanks to all of you who have taken the time out to join the Trust.

From the feedback we have had it seems there are some misconceptions about what the Trust is and what its aims are.

### IS THE TRUST RUN BY THE CLUB?

**NO!** The Trust is an independent Industrial and Provident Society that is registered with the Friendly Societies. This is a regulated society that is totally beholden to its members. It was set up by fans for fans.

### IF IT'S INDEPENDENT, WHY DOES THE CLUB HELP PROMOTE IT?

They allow us to promote the club because they know a good thing when they see it! The whole Trust movement has been established with Government backing. The Nationwide League fully supports the idea of the Trust system and have spent time and money promoting the idea to all the Football League Chairman.

### I'M NOT JUST GIVING MONEY TO THE CLUB!

Your donations go to the Trust, not the Club. One of the uses of the money will be to buy shares in the club so that we, the ordinary supporter can gain a sizeable financial stake in the club that otherwise would not be possible. Donations can be used for anything the members wish it to be used for. We simply put it to a vote! One member one Vote!

### HOW DO I KNOW YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU SAY WITH THE MONEY?

Because we have to. The Trust is a legally controlled organisation and the Board members are bound by the rules of the Trust.

### I DON'T LIKE THE PEOPLE I HAVE SEEN RUNNING THE TRUST.

The current board members are in place until the first AGM, which HAS to be held within six months of the Trust starting. At the AGM you can vote for whom you want on the board or even stand for office yourself.

### THIS TRUST WILL NEVER WORK.

We hope it will. It will only fail if people are apathetic. You just have to look at other Trust successes. Bournemouth, they are now the major shareholders in the club. Northampton, where the Trust not only secured the future of the club, but helped to get a new ground. Chesterfield, The Trust now owns the club and has saved it from complete oblivion. It really is down to you.

### I CAN'T AFFORD THE £25 TO JOIN.

We are willing to take smaller amounts of money to enable you to build up to the £25 membership fee.

### HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION OR ASK QUESTIONS?

The Trust will have a presence at the County ground. We are in the process of converting the old match day ticket office to our office. Also you can look on our web site [www.truststfc.co.uk](http://www.truststfc.co.uk) or you can contact me; Tony Norris on 01793 875760.

## Dick Mackey's Treatment room...



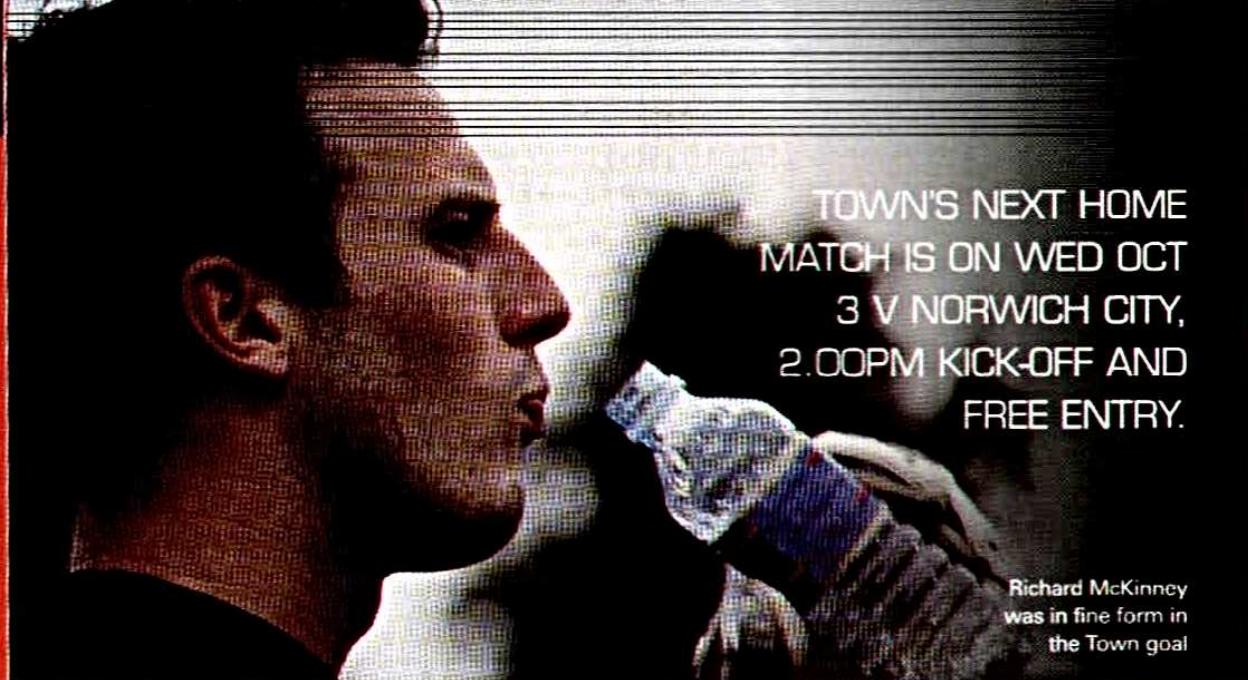
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Unfortunately, since we last spoke we have had Keith O'Halloran and Eric Sabin join us in the treatment room.

Eric damaged the cartilage in his knee during the Colchester United game and he has since had a straightforward operation. He will now have a couple of days off before returning to the club and starting rehabilitation work. The main thing is that his operation was a success and when I looked at his knee, it looked very good.

Keith is also at home having been looked after very well by the people at Dorchester. After a couple of days he will be going to a fracture clinic for an x-ray on his leg. He has broken both his fibula and his tibia and so we will have to wait and see how much work needs to be done when we see the results of the x-ray.

On a more positive note, both Mark Robinson and James Williams are making great progress. As I write these notes Mark is limbering up in front of me and last week, we went to Longwoods for some jogging work. I am very optimistic about the two of them and so I would like to think they will be back in training very soon.



TOWN'S NEXT HOME  
MATCH IS ON WED OCT  
3 V NORWICH CITY,  
2.00PM KICK-OFF AND  
FREE ENTRY.

Richard McKinney  
was in fine form in  
the Town goal

# IN RESERVE

Following last week's disappointing defeat against local rivals, Oxford United, Town were looking for a positive result on the coast against a strong Brighton side.

A solitary goal from Paul Powell was enough to condemn Town to their second defeat of the season. This game was Albion's first of the season and a sparse crowd watched a very evenly contested first half, the home side fielding a side consisting of several players with first team experience. There was little to separate the two sides in the opening exchanges, testament to the quality of Town's up-and-coming younger players. Brayley came close for Town just after the half-hour mark but his first touch let him down and the advancing keeper deflected his toe-poke away for a corner. Richard McKinney was tested in Town's goal just ten minutes later, Danny Mamey latched onto a Robbie Pethick's clearance but his shot cannoned off the Irish goalkeeper's legs.

Albion dominated proceedings in the second half, but were unable to put the ball into the back of the net. McKinney was in inspired form and he prevented Lehmann, Wilkinson and Mayo from scoring; McKinney keen to impress and enforce himself on Roy Evans. Brayley again came closest for Town; this time an inventive move on the right hand side involving Alan Young and Chris Collins found the young striker in the box and his audacious scissor-kick narrowly missed the post. At the death Town could have snatched all three points when trialist, Miguel Reisinho burst through the centre and tried to clip his shot past Packham, but the home 'keeper saved well on his right hand side. Reisinho played well in Town's midfield, whether or not he has done enough to impress Town's management remains to be seen.

Alan Young's return to the side was encouraging for Town, as was Gareth Davies coming through the game unscathed. Brayley certainly isn't short of confidence and his substitution before the end suggested he had done enough to warrant a place in the first team squad. Town's second string now face Bristol Rovers on September 25 away from home. News of Town's game against Bournemouth (Sep 12) will appear in the next programme.



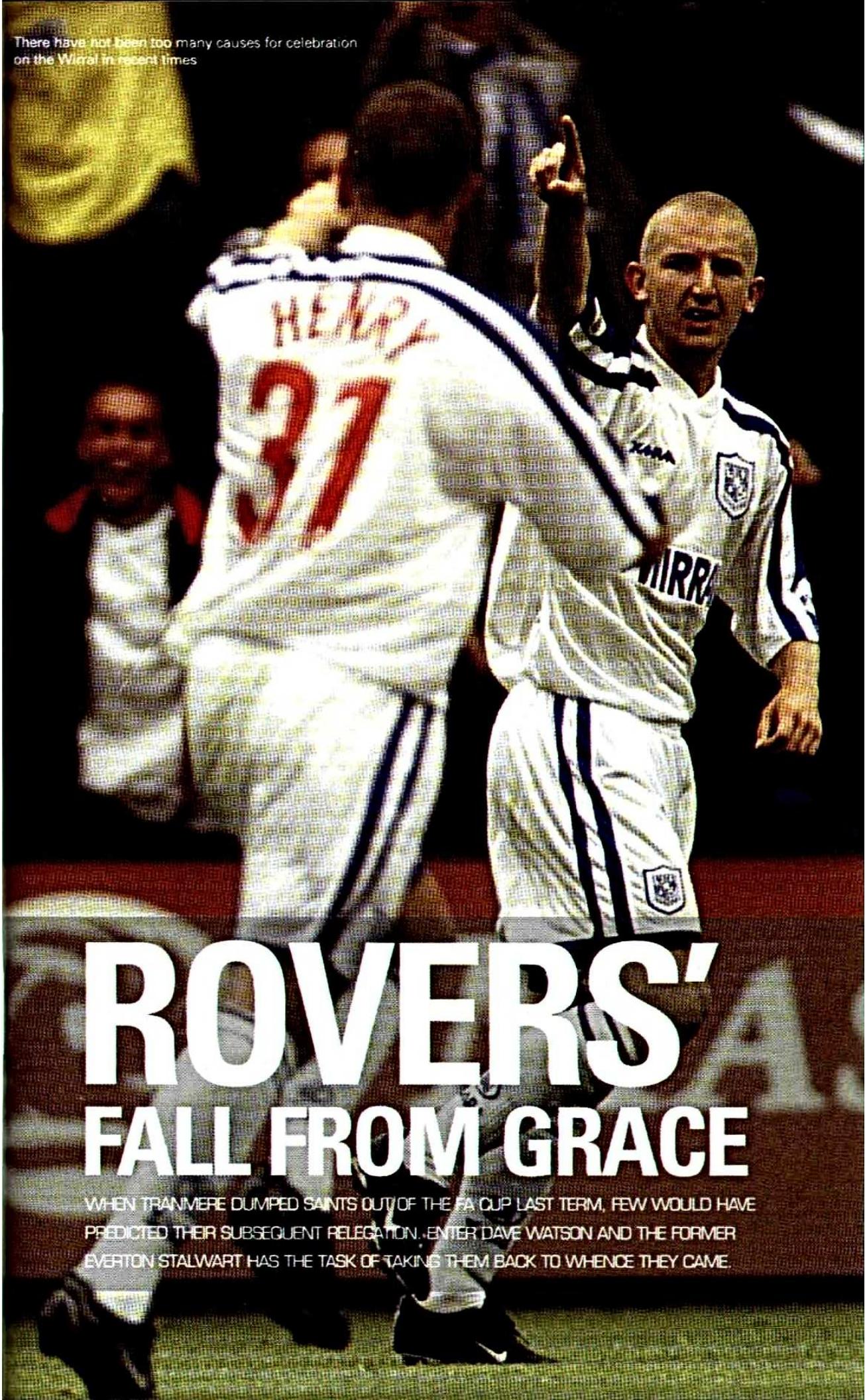
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Wednesday September 5  
kick-off 7.00pm

**Swindon line-up:**

McKinney, Collins, P Edwards, Davies, Willis, Smith, Cobian, N Edwards, Reisinho, Young, Brayley. Subs: Farr, Andersen, Thomas, Collier & Halliday.

There have not been too many causes for celebration on the Wirral in recent times



# ROVERS' FALL FROM GRACE

WHEN TRANMERE DUMPED SAINTS OUT OF THE FA CUP LAST TERM, FEW WOULD HAVE PREDICTED THEIR SUBSEQUENT RELEGATION. ENTER DAVE WATSON AND THE FORMER EVERTON STALWART HAS THE TASK OF TAKING THEM BACK TO WHENCE THEY CAME.

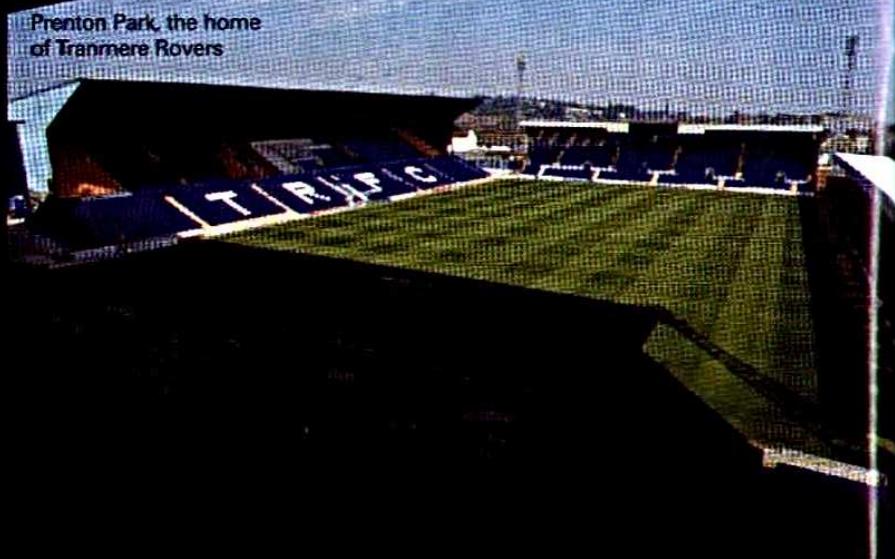


Living their recent life in the nation's second rung, Rovers have enjoyed innumerable successes when the very existence of the club was threatened. In 1982, then Chairman Gerry Gould announced that Tranmere would close within three weeks. The club survived, but only just.

## Rovers facts

Name **Tranmere Rovers**  
 Formation 1884 as Belmont FC  
 Nickname **The Rovers**  
 Stadium **Prenton Park** (16,700)  
 Management team  
 Ray Mathias, Dave Philpotts  
 Position 2000/01 24 (Division One)  
 Recent signings  
 James Olsen, Seyni N'Diaye  
 Form guide LWDWL  
 Next three fixtures  
 Sep 18 Notts County (H) 7.45pm  
 Sep 21 Wrexham (H) 7.45pm  
 Sep 25 Bristol City (A) 3.00pm  
 Top goalscorer Barlow (2)  
 Honours  
 Third Division Champions 1938  
 Associate Cup Winners 1990  
 Welsh Cup Winners 1935  
 Most capped player  
 John Aldridge: 29 EIRE  
 Head to head (wins)  
 Swindon: 17, Rovers: 15, Draws 12  
 Last encounter  
 Swindon Town 0-1 Tranmere  
 Rovers (WC - 2000/01)  
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Near expulsion from the football league in 1987 was followed ten years later by a plea from John Aldridge for volunteers to pay for the player's wages as a result of financial insecurity. One marvels then, with the club enshrouded in such negative connotations, just how they managed to be so successful. In the late 80's and early 90's, Tranmere visited Wembley no less than four times including one Leyland Daf cup win and one promotion. And it was the club's ability to reach the (old) Second Division that enabled John King to persuade Aldridge to join from Real Sociedad. Along with Aldridge came Pat Nevin and Tommy Coyne and three attempts at promotion to the top flight. Leicester City quashed the second of those attempts in 1994 when Tranmere had only just been dumped out of the League Cup at the semi-final stage. The club was in limbo again, not only did they have to pick up the pieces following four devastating defeats, but also recover from the loss of Peter Johnson's financial contribution. Unperturbed, the Birkenhead side went on to endure two more epic cup runs. The first in 1999/00 saw Aldridge's side reach the League Cup final before Hoddle's Southampton side were remarkably dumped out of the FA Cup despite taking a three-goal lead. Unfortunately, Tranmere's season was tainted by relegation and it is now up to Dave Watson to take the club back to the First Division.

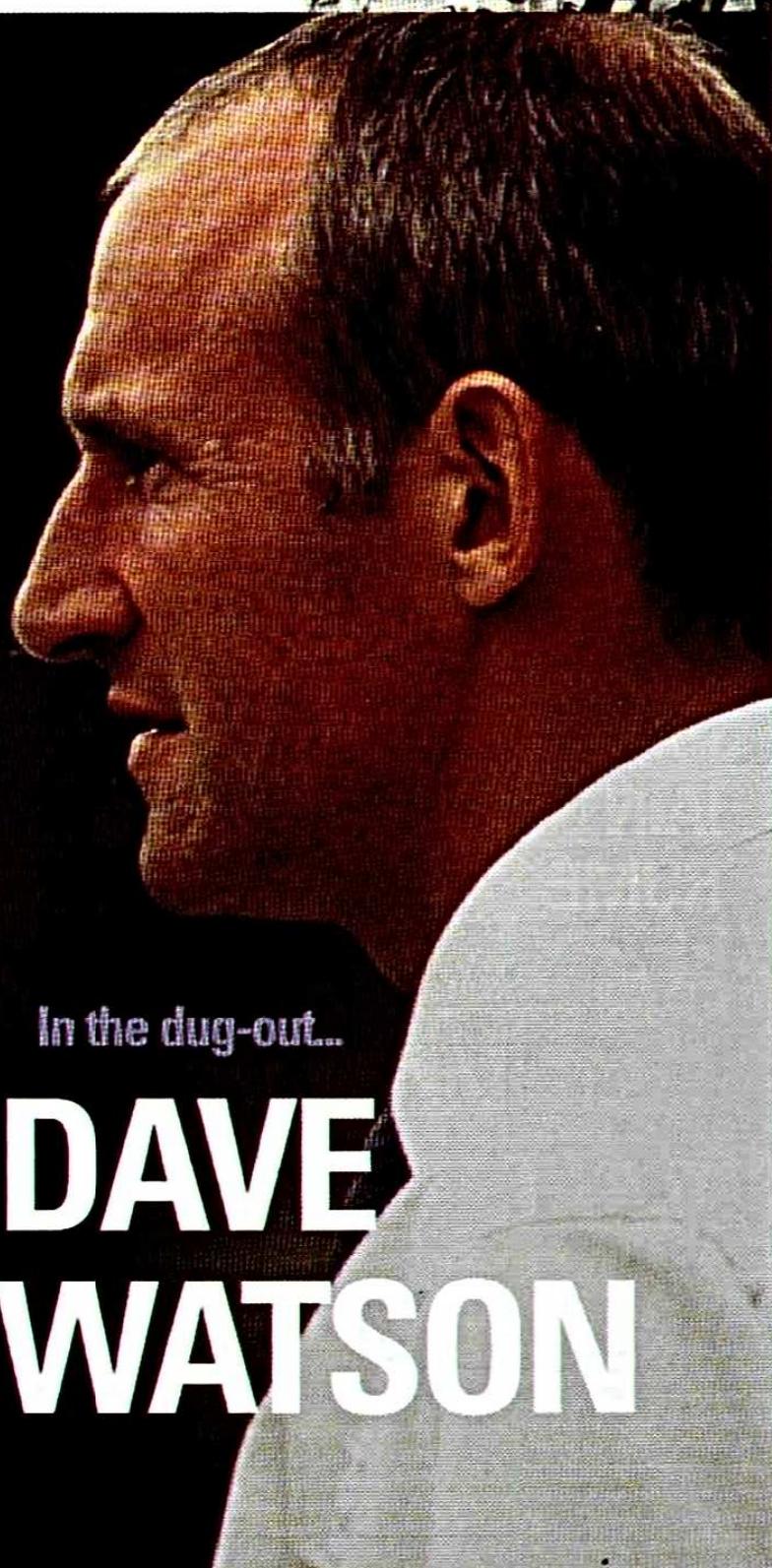




Dave Watson promised to turn Tranmere's cup heroics into consistent league form when he was named as successor to John Aldridge in May 2001. Watson signed a two-year contract at Prenton Park to end a near 15-year career with Everton as both skipper and first team coach under Walter Smith and was given the immediate task of steering Tranmere back into the first division.

Watson's appetite for a management career was whetted following a brief spell as caretaker boss at Everton at the end of the 1996-97 season when Joe Royle quit, being in charge for the final seven games. Watson, who made 550 appearances for Everton, has now completed the hat-trick of being involved with all three Merseyside clubs.

He joined Liverpool from school, making 15 appearances for the reserves before being sold to Norwich for £200,000 in 1980, where he helped them win promotion to the top flight and Milk Cup final glory. In 1986, Howard Kendall paid £900,000 to bring Watson to Everton, and the big defender gave years of sterling service to the Blues before making the switch across the Mersey. Watson's tenure with Tranmere so far has not gone according to plan, the Merseyside club struggling to find form that will take them back to Division One.



In the dug-out...

# DAVE WATSON

One to watch...

## WAYNE ALLISON

Allison finally decided on a move to Tranmere in September 1999 having initially rejected a move to Prenton Park earlier in the season. Finding himself out of favour with Huddersfield, Allison moved for a fee of £300,000. 'The Chief' began his career with Halifax before heading south to join Watford. After failing to settle at Vicarage Road, Allison moved to Bristol City a year later. There he netted a goal every three games, convincing Town to pay £475,000 for him in 1995.

Young gun...

## IAIN HUME

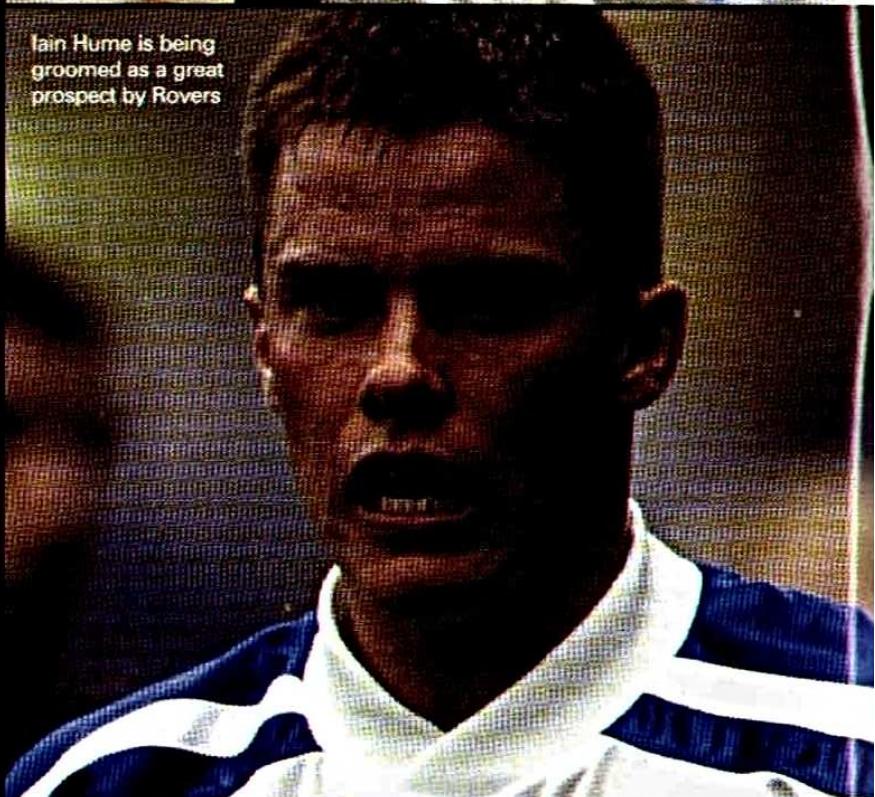
Hume became the youngest ever player to appear in a Rovers shirt when he made his debut as a substitute here at Swindon Town in March 2000. He emigrated to Ontario shortly after his first birthday and it was whilst travelling with a Canadian select side that he was spotted. Tranmere's U16 side were lined up as opponents for the travelling Canadians and Rovers' scouts returned with glowing reports. A fast and energetic striker, Hume is already a Canadian Under 20 international.



'The Chief' makes a return to the County Ground this afternoon with Rovers



Iain Hume is being groomed as a great prospect by Rovers



## Joe Murphy

The turning point of Murphy's career came when he saved a penalty on his debut in a Worthington Cup tie against Oxford in October 1999. From that moment on the Dubliner never looked back, another spot-kick save against Ipswich followed and Murphy had become a first-team regular.

## Gareth Roberts

Roberts initially joined Tranmere on a two-month trial. Having been released by Liverpool, the young defender was persuaded to move to Greece by Panionios boss Ronnie Whelan. Equally comfortable as a left-back or left wing-back, Roberts' tenacity in the tackle and solid defending impressed Aldridge.

## Nick Henry

Nick Henry made his name at Oldham where he spent ten years (that included a Division Two Championship medal in 1991). A £500,000 move took him to Sheffield United in February 1997 before he moved to Walsall in March 1999. Despite clinching promotion with the Saddlers, he decided on a move to Merseyside.

## Andy Parkinson

Parkinson moved across the Mersey when he signed on a free transfer from Liverpool in 1996. The emergence of Michael Owen meant that opportunities were limited following his YTS apprenticeship. Aldridge was convinced Andy would blossom into a burgeoning talent before persuading him to join Rovers.

## Dave Challinor

Tranmere snapped up Challinor on a free transfer during the summer of 1994 from Bromborough Pool. Tall and commanding, Challinor won England U19 honours before rejecting a university place to turn professional with Tranmere. His mammoth throws add a different dimension to Tranmere's play.

## Steve Yates

Yates signed on a permanent basis in September 1999 having initially joined on a loan deal from QPR. Prior to his move, Yates had spent six years at Loftus Road following a £650,000 move from Bristol Rovers. He guaranteed himself hero-status when he netted two goals in the FA Cup victory over Everton.

## Jason Koumas

Koumas progressed through the youth ranks and burst into the first team six months ahead of schedule according to John Aldridge, his creativity and stylish play improved match by match and he quickly became the main focal point for Tranmere's attacking options. Has committed his future until the summer of 2004.

## Stuart Barlow

Stuart started at Sherwood Park before earning a transfer to Everton. A move to Oldham re-ignited his career and his form attracted the likes of Wigan who signed him on transfer deadline day in 1998. Aldridge signed him on a Bosman and his acceleration and predatory instincts have made him a hit with the Rovers faithful.

## Clint Hill

A reliable defender, Hill forged a good partnership with Challinor during the 1999-00 season. He also chipped in with six goals, showing his willingness to raid the opponent's penalty area. A favourite with the Prenton Park faithful, Hill has been handed the captain's armband by Dave Watson.

## Sean Flynn

Birmingham-born Flynn started his career in non-league circles at the age of 23 with Halesowen before earning a lucrative move to Coventry City in December 1991. He played 99 games for the Sky Blues before moving on to Derby under Jim Smith for a fee of £250,000 and then Tranmere.

## Mickey Mellon

Mellon started his career at Bristol City before a £75,000 move took him to West Brom in 1993. His most consistent form came during a three-year spell with Blackpool and it was from here that Mellon first joined Tranmere before moving to Burnley. Frustrated by a lack of first team opportunities, he returned to Prenton Park.

## Seyni N'Diaye

N'Diaye began his career with St. Genevieve de Bois before moving on to Viry Chatillon. After spells with Paris St. Germain and Neuchatel Xamax, the Dakar-born striker returned to France with Caen. It was from here that he joined Tranmere and he quickly got to grips with the English game.

# RISING STAR



## CRAIG FARR

**Born?** 27/06/84, Newbury  
**School?** Trinity School

**What made you want to become a pro?**

Being a footballer is an enjoyable career and a great lifestyle

**Brief footballing background?**

I signed for Swindon at the age of 10 and had trials for England's under 15's.

**Club supported as a boy?**

West Ham United

**What brought you to STFC?**

Swindon were the nearest First Division side and they had great goalkeeping coaches.

**Best and worst moments in football?**

My best came last season when I played for the reserves. I also sat on the bench for four games at the age of 16. My worst was losing a tournament in the final in Torquay via a penalty shoot-out.

**Ultimate hopes for the future?**

To make my debut and get a professional contract here at the club and play for Romania.

**Any advice for younger players?**

Make sacrifices but enjoy your football. You should always want to make yourself better.

**How will Town get on this season?**

Finish top and get promoted.



# YOUTH OF TODAY

with Viv Busby and Phil Cannon

Both Town's under 19's and under 17's are still unbeaten this season as a result of their latest cup exploits.

The under 19's earned a 2-2 draw having twice taken the lead, the under 17's romped home 4-1. The under 19's went one-nil up and two-one up courtesy of Graham Walton and they played some superb, attacking football on a relatively poor pitch.

Town should have gone on to win the game but could not put their chances away, as well as conceding crucial goals. The tie will now have to be decided on a replay on Town's home soil. The under 17's however had no such trouble. Having scored three goals in their first game of the season, they pitched in with four as they eased their way through to the second round of the Youth Alliance Cup. Mark Draycott scored a brace with two tremendous goals. Details of the under 19's replay will appear in the next programme.



**Cardiff** 2  
**Swindon** 2

Saturday 8th September

**Swindon line-up:**

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Sat Aug 18	Cardiff City	A	1-0
Sat Aug 25	Exeter City	H	1-0
Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City (YAC)	A	2-2
Sat Sep 15	Cirencester	H	
Sat Sep 22	Plymouth Argyle	A	
Sat Oct 6	Torquay United	A	
Sat Oct 13	Youth Alliance Cup	H	
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	H	
Sat Oct 27	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat Nov 3	Youth Alliance Cup	H	
Sat Nov 10	Oxford United	H	
Sat Nov 17	Cirencester	A	
Sat Nov 24	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Sat Dec 1	Youth Alliance Cup	H	
Sat Dec 15	Torquay United	H	
Sat Jan 12	Swansea City	A	
Sat Jan 19	Oxford United	A	
Sat Jan 26	Bristol Rovers	H	
Sat Feb 2	Cardiff City	H	
Sat Feb 9	Exeter City	A	

### STFC UNDER-17s 2001/02

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Sat Sep 8	Cardiff City	A	4-1
Sat Sep 15	Exeter City	H	
Sat Sep 22	Cirencester	H	
Sat Oct 6	AFC Bournemouth	A	
Sat Oct 13	Torquay United	H	
Sat Oct 20	Swansea City	A	
Sat Oct 27	Plymouth Argyle	H	
Sat Nov 3	Bristol Rovers	A	
Sat Nov 10	FC Bournemouth	H	
Sat Nov 17	Cirencester	A	
Sat Nov 24	Swansea City	H	
Sat Dec 1	Torquay United	A	
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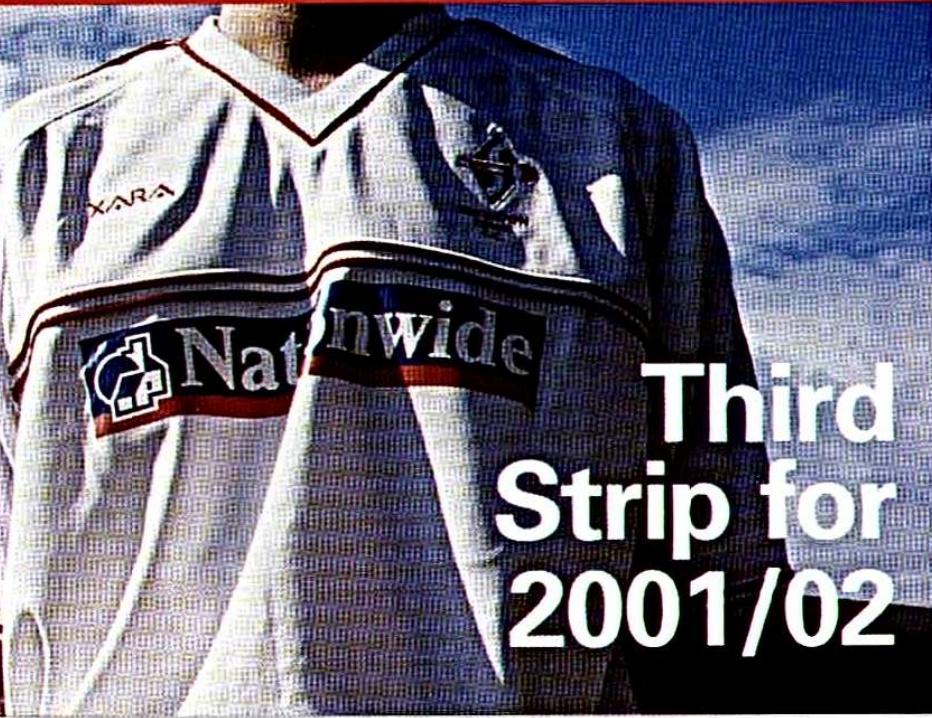
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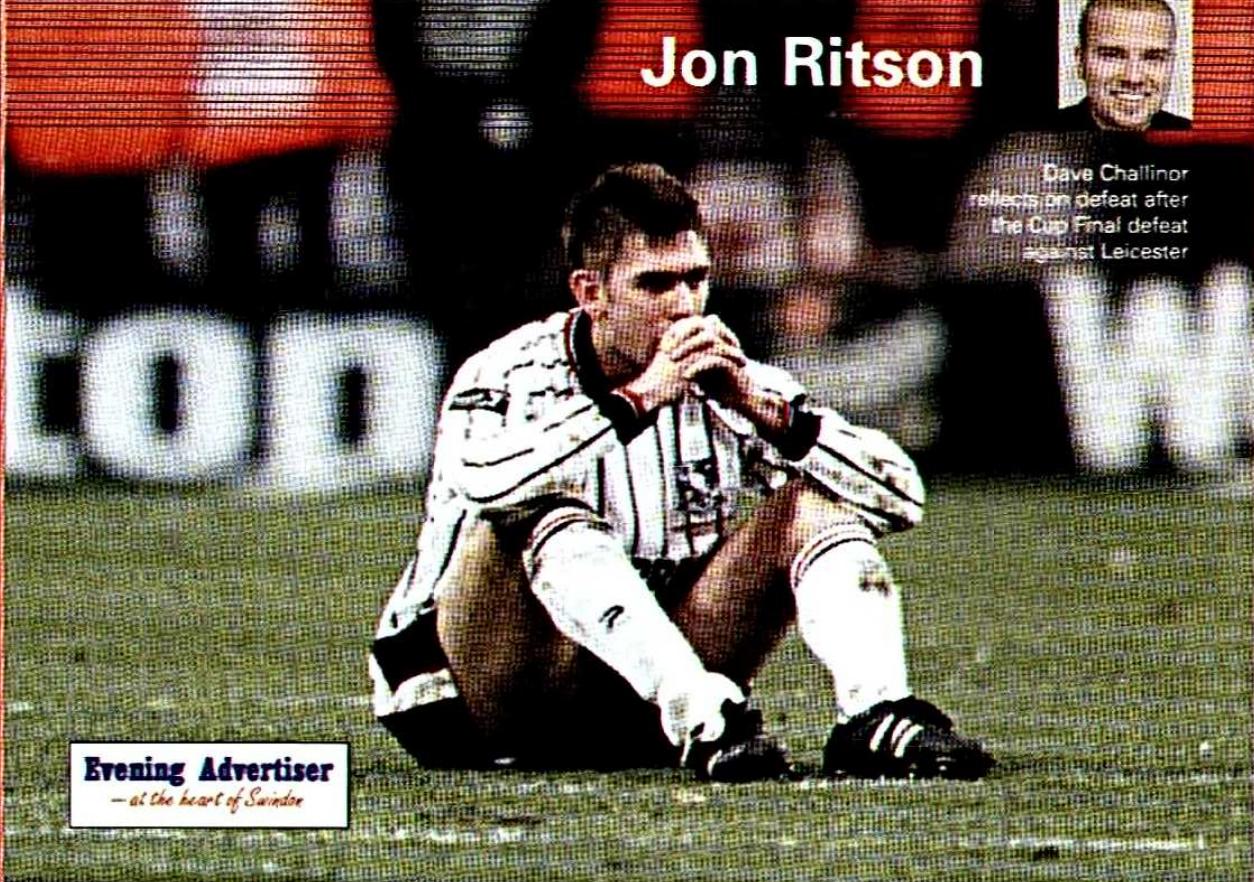
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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

Today's visitors are a good example of how fortunes can fluctuate so quickly in this wonderful game of ours.

For many years, Tranmere Rovers were one of those teams you would name when asked to think of a typical Fourth Division (now Third Division) side. Then all that changed. They made their way into the First Division, were usually guaranteed a decent cup run and were forever missing out in the play-offs. Perhaps they reached their peak with a Worthington Cup final defeat by Leicester a couple of years ago. But so near can also become 'yet so far' and that has certainly proved the case on the Wirral.

Last year Tranmere knocked Town out of the Worthington Cup as a First Division side, yet today they sit below us in the Division Two table. Perhaps this offers us some hope of better times to come. Just as promotion near misses can lead to an unhappy change in fortunes, then perhaps the opposite is true. One of the closest relegation near-misses in history scared the living daylights out of all of us last year. But the signs are that the fright has triggered a determination that such a struggle should not be allowed to unfold again. Let's keep climbing up that table.

The boys were magnificent at West Brom on Tuesday night in the Worthington Cup. Unfortunately we lacked the cutting edge to finish the Baggies off in normal time. Hopefully it won't be too long before we start knocking in the goals. The lads at the back look really solid and our midfielders are working hard to create chances. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Keith a speedy recovery from his broken leg. We need he and Eric back as quickly as possible if our supply of penalties is not to dry up.

We are entering a busy period with a lot of points at stake. It seems we've two games a week for the foreseeable future. I suspect there will be some tired limbs but it's amazing how you can keep fatigue at bay when you're winning. Let us hope we can get as many points in the bag as we can and steer clear of any more injuries. Get behind the lads and hopefully we can see off Dave Watson's Merseysiders this afternoon. See you all back here for the Brentford game on September 25.



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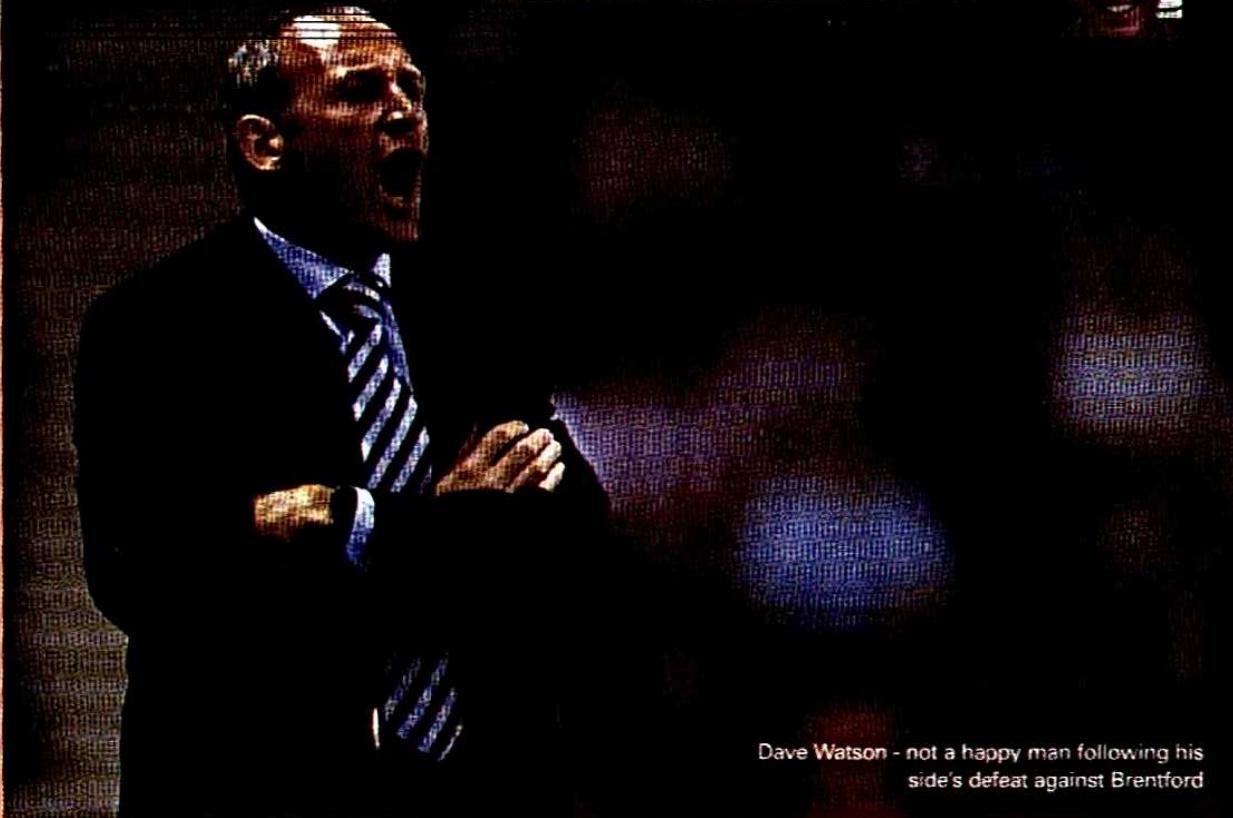
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Dave Watson - not a happy man following his side's defeat against Brentford

## FROM THE AIRWAVES

You may have heard BBC Wiltshire Sound's 'September To Remember' campaign. I can't believe how true those words have become after this last week.

It's amazing how the awful events which have unfolded in America focus the mind on just how important a game of football in the scheme of things. Yeah, England stuffed Germany five-one in Munich - the euphoria is a distant memory after those TV pictures from New York.

However, life has to go on and I will never forget the fantastic time I had when the Swindon breakfast show came live from Honda on their big day hob-nobbing with formula one racing drivers and strangely, meeting an audition hopeful for 'Blind Date' who claimed a party piece of a musical bottom!

I thought I'd heard everything that is until I heard that story about today's visitors to the County Ground. I was staggered to hear that Tranmere had offered to refund travelling expenses to supporters who watched Rovers lose four-nil at Brentford. Manager Dave Watson described the side's performance as "a total shambles" at Griffin Park. After my initial laughter subsided, I began to worry that a dangerous precedent has been set. What's even more spooky is that I was discussing this very subject with a mate last week.

It seems to me that when you buy a ticket for a match, you are surely paying to watch a game between two teams with no guarantee of the result you'd hope for. Isn't that what being a supporter of your side is all about? A bit like going to see Steps in concert and finding it wasn't what you'd hoped for (Tragedy - ha ha!). It struck me that the natural progression of such an idea could lead to people asking the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon for a refund after seeing the controversial show Puppetry Of The Penis and deciding the participants simply didn't "measure up to expectations"!

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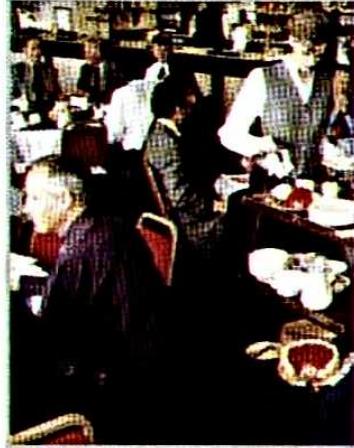
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Today's lucky mascot is Robert Minton from Toothill in Swindon. Robert, a mad football and motor racing fan, celebrated his eleventh birthday just five days ago and he is celebrating at the County Ground where he is also a season ticket holder. Robert also likes to watch Leicester City and Wolves (with his Grandad), but his favourite player is Town's very own Matty Hewlett.

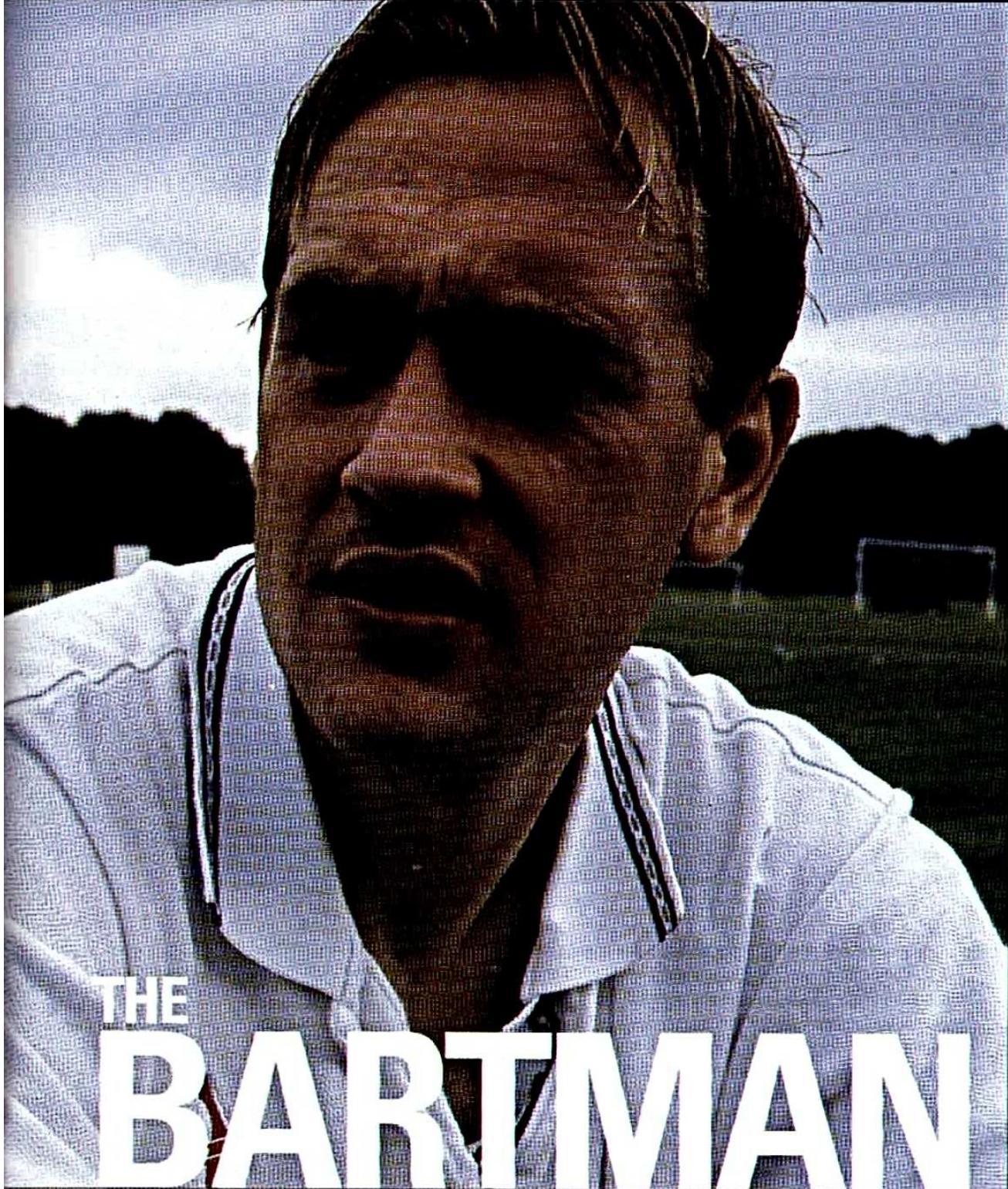
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# THE **BARTMAN**

Ask a footballer what their advice would be to any aspiring youngster yearning to progress in the world of football and the likelihood is that they will tell you to enjoy it while you can and take your chances.

Bart Griemink is perhaps the greatest example of this old adage. A run of 22 games 'between the sticks' in the first half of last season was thwarted when local lad and 'Player of the year', Steve Mildenhall stepped in to take advantage of his double sending-off and subsequent suspension. However, following Mildenhall's departure to Notts County this summer, Bart has grasped the vacant position with both hands and as he tells Nick Judd, this time he is there to stay.



Since his return to the first team, Town's giant Dutch 'keeper has gone from strength to strength with an impressive run imbued by four clean sheets in six games. It hasn't been easy however, and Bart puts it down to a little bit of luck and a lot of hard work. However, for someone who has endured all of the pitfalls of the modern day footballer, his attitude epitomises the 'never-say-die' attitude of the model professional.

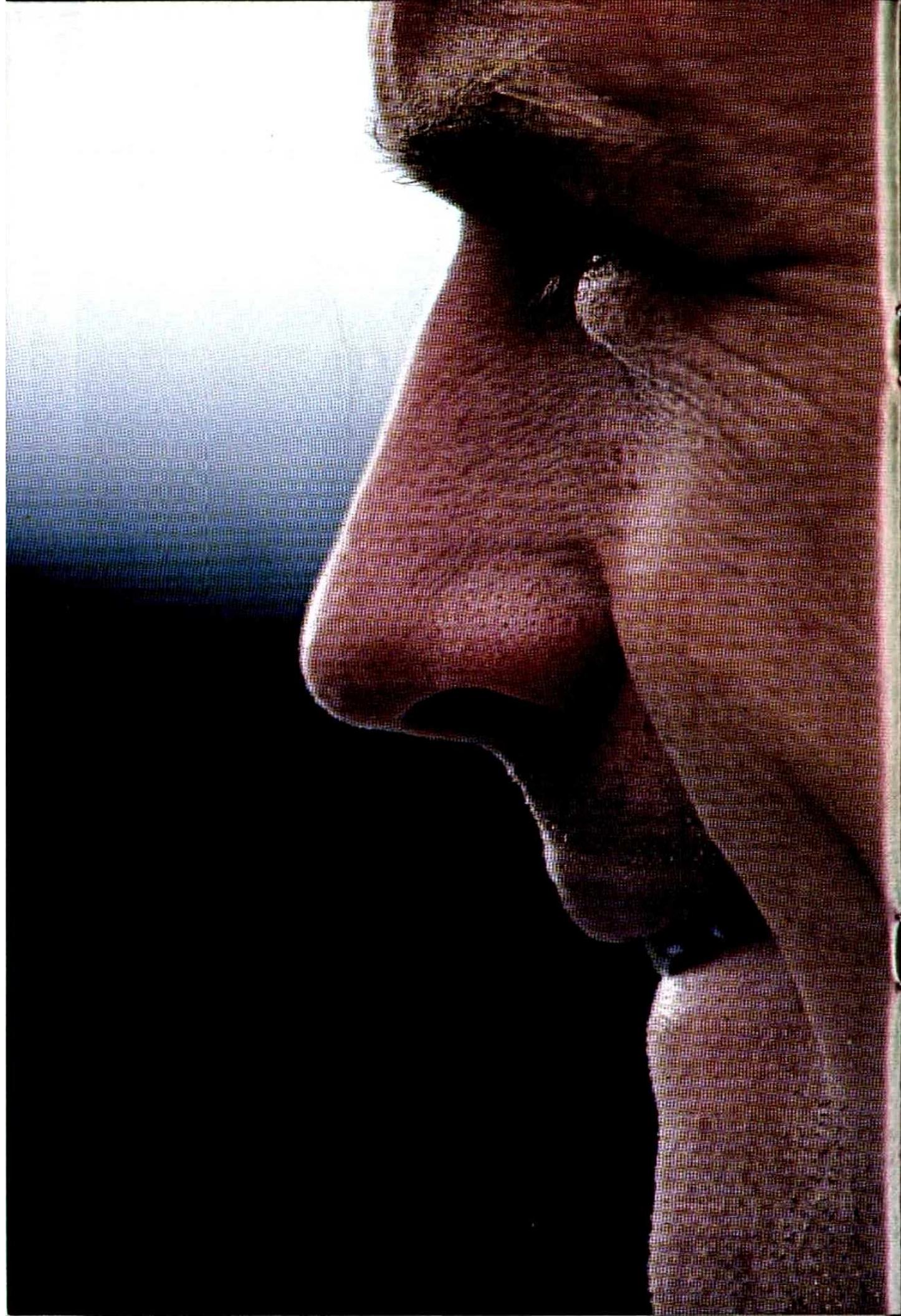
It has been a rocky road to first team football since Bart's British goalkeeping berth at Birmingham City in 1995. The Dutchman was given a trial by then manager, Barry Fry and in one game did enough to persuade the enigmatic manager to give him a more permanent contract. "It was certainly a lot easier to adapt to the game than it was to the surroundings. After all, football is football and although the pace of the game is quicker over here, you soon get used to it. That is nothing compared to missing your family and having to buy a house in a new country! It is hard but you just have to get used to it and I have settled now," he admits. Still, there aren't many who get spotted in the Netherlands' lower leagues; "Barry (Fry) gave me the opportunity to come over here and I am eternally grateful." Not only was he given the chance to play his trade in 'Blighty', but by signing for Birmingham, Griemink was also given the chance to play with some exceptional players.



Steve Bruce, Anders Limpar and Gary Breen are just three names that had, or later would go on to play at the highest level. "I don't really keep in touch with any of the Birmingham players anymore, after all it was nearly five or six years ago. However, there were some very good professionals at City and as a player you always want to play with, and against the best. Steve Bruce was a great leader who had so much experience with Manchester United and Gary Breen has done well, he went on to Coventry City." Whilst at St Andrews, Bart also became acquainted with a certain Steve Robinson and the two would later be reunited at Swindon Town. "It is always nice to see a familiar face and I was pleased to see Steve join Swindon. He suffered a lot from injury whilst with City and so I didn't get to play with him, but he has superb ability and is the type of player we need here."

A change in management in the shape of Trevor Francis meant new ideas (and new players) and Griemink soon found himself surplus to requirements. However, the giant goalkeeper soon found himself a new home at Tynecastle before moving to Peterborough. "I went to Barnsley for a month and it was a good move for me because I wasn't playing any games at the time." It was whilst at Barnsley that Bart also became acquainted with two fellow Dutchman. De Zeeuw (now at Wigan Athletic) and Van Der Helden were two players that, like Bart, were attracted to the growing reputation of the English League. "There are now a lot of Dutch players coming over to England, not just in the lower leagues, but also in the top flight too. Gullit was one of the first big names to come over, and more recently Stam, Nistelrooy, Zenden and Van Der Saar have made the transition. I think the English League is growing in popularity all over Europe and Dutch players in particular seem to want to come over here. I know several players, goalkeepers in particular and they enjoy their football and the experience."

On the subject of Dutch football, I couldn't help but question Bart on the the Netherlands' failure to reach next year's World Cup. "The situation is terrible. Like England, we fully expect to be in every major competition."





"It is so surprising too because I thought we were unbelievable against England, especially in the first half and then we go and lose to Ireland who, without being disrespectful, are a weaker side in my opinion. I don't think it will hit home until next summer because only then we will be watching the World Cup without having a real interest in the outcome. After the England game I mocked the lads, I wish I hadn't now!"

Bart has had a taste of international football himself, albeit at under 21 level, but he now admits that his international aspirations are over. "When I was playing with the under 21's I dreamed of making the transition to the first team. But I am 29 now and playing in England's second division so it would be silly for me to think that there was any chance of still achieving that aim. Nevertheless I am desperate to play at the highest level and hopefully that will be with Swindon."

Bart has certainly been working hard on his game. Furthermore, four clean sheets from a possible six is a far cry from when the side was conceding three or four goals a game on a monthly basis. "I am very happy with the way things are going at the moment. I feel that I am playing well and the team is keeping clean sheets, but it is not down to me - it is a collective effort from the whole side. Our defence has worked very hard and there is competition for places which we never had last season and that includes McKinney and I. Gurney and 'Razor' have bolstered an already impressive back-line and they have tremendous character, on and off the pitch. For Town it is early days yet, but Roy, 'Cropper' and 'Razor' have led us to a good start, better than last year anyway and confidence is high because of that. We have had a couple of disappointing injuries at this early stage, but we have depth in our squad all over the park and I am sure the squad will be added to. We have a tremendous spirit and hopefully that will be the backbone to a good season - we certainly have a lot more belief in ourselves."

Positive news from a man playing with renewed confidence. Let's just hope that this time next year Bart will have fulfilled his ambition to return to Division One and that it will be achieved with Swindon Town.



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**WEST BROM 2**

Dobie 96, Jordao 110

**SWINDON TOWN 0**

They came, they saw and they very nearly conquered. Town were given very little chance of progressing to the third round of the Worthington Cup by bookies and football experts alike. West Brom had thrashed Kevin Keegan's Manchester City side 4-0, whilst Town had drawn a blank at Bournemouth.

However, Evans' side put in a performance worthy of a win, with lengthy periods of dominance, possession and with plenty of goalscoring chances. Unfortunately they could not put the ball into the back of the net and they were cruelly punished with two goals in extra-time.

Danny Invincible started the game in Keith O'Halloran's absence in Roy Evans' only change and he played an important part in Town's performance.

It was the home side that started the brighter of the two. Scott Dobie raced through Town's defence on just 30 seconds and was denied by Griemink, who just minutes later saved at full stretch from a Neil Clement free-kick. Town carved out several chances and played the more attractive football, building their moves from the back three of Neil Ruddock, Andy Gurney and Matty Heywood. On the half hour, Bob Taylor had the best chance of the game. He raced through Town's defence but could only blast his shot over the bar.

In the second half Town had the best chance of the game, a Matty Hewlett cross caught Invincible by surprise and he could only touch the ball over the bar from five yards. Town's chances of cup glory were quashed in extra-time. As the travelling side tired, West Brom exerted their influence on the game for the first time in the match. Scott Dobie broke the deadlock against the run of play when he headed home from close range after Clement crossed from the right. The home side doubled their lead in the second period of half-time when Warren Cummings and Jordao combined for the latter to slot home from close range.

## Sound bites...

### BOBBY HOWE

on beating Colchester...

"There was a fantastic atmosphere here and the crowd played their part in the win. I feel that I am playing well now and the role I have means that I can get forward myself. People forget I was a striker before I came to Swindon so it's in my nature."

### STEVE ROBINSON

on the draw in Dorchester...

"It was a game we could have won, we played some half decent stuff. We looked good and sharp in the first half and if the second had gone the same way I am sure we would have got all three points. We are playing very well which is positive."

### ROY EVANS

on the defeat at WBA...

"That's the best we have played since I've been at the club. The quality of our passing and movement throughout the 90 minutes was a different class. West Brom came off knowing they had been in a game. I am gutted for the players."

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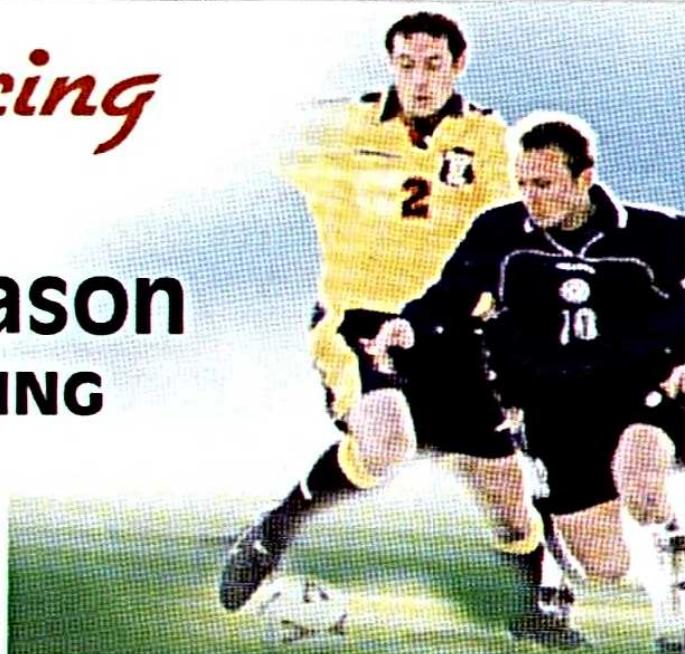


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## VINTAGE RED

with Dick Mattick

Dick Mattick pays tribute to Town's wonder wing-half, Stan Harland who sadly passed away two weeks ago.

Stan was born in Liverpool on June 19 1940. He began his career with New Brighton before signing for Everton in 1959. However, his career really took off when he moved to Bradford City where he scored 20 goals in 120 League matches, an excellent return for a wing-half. He then moved to Carlisle United where, in his first season, he was ever present in a team that won promotion to Division Two. In all he played 77 times for the blues, scoring seven times. Unfortunately, the arrival of Gordon Marsland saw him lose his place and he asked for a transfer. This took Town manager, Danny Williams and his Chief Scout, Jack Conley visited Brunton Park overnight to secure his signature and subsequent events would later prove their vigil well justified.

Harland made the first of his 237 League appearances for Town on the opening day of the 1966-7 season. However, it was not until the following season that he produced his first goal in a 3-2 defeat at Walsall. Although he came to Swindon as a wing half, as time progressed he became more of a central defender, forming a partnership first with Welsh International, Mel Nurse and later with Frank Burrows. He also established himself as Swindon's captain, a role that he took over following Nurse's departure. The triumphant 1968-9 season was the third in a row in which Stan was ever present. Collecting the Cup from Princess Margaret after the historic victory over Arsenal must have been the highlight of his career.

The arrival of Dave Mackay spelt the end of Stan's days at Swindon. Both played in the same position and both were highly experienced captains. Fred Ford attempted to keep the man who had served him and Swindon so well in the side, but when Mackay took over the manager's role, Stan was dropped and he requested a transfer. Within days of helping Town end a run of six consecutive defeats, he was sold to Birmingham for £15,000. He made 38 League appearances for Birmingham City and he helped them to win promotion to the First Division in 1972 and one cup semi-final appearance a year later. Injury brought an end to Stan's career, but he spent three years as player manager at Yeovil before renewing his partnership with Frank at Portsmouth.

Away from football Sam was married to an ice skating champion and he was a fine golfer who often appeared in the Professional Footballers Golf Championship. After leaving football he went into the Super market business and was working even the day before his sad demise.



Stan Harland



## NOTTS NO TO GAZZA ON LOAN

Notts County have turned down an offer from Everton to take former England midfielder Paul Gascoigne on loan to Meadow Lane, claiming the wayward star would not be suited to life in Division Two. Gazza has been plagued by injury since moving to Merseyside from Middlesbrough and the Toffees believed a loan spell would improve the star's fitness before a return to first team action in the Premiership, but Notts were adamant in saying no. County chief executive Peter Storrie stressed that financially they would not have been able to sanction a deal for the 34-year-old, "We didn't even consider it. Gazza must be on about £20,000 a week and we could not come close to covering that, and would he be suitable for Division Two?"

## LATICS SPLASH CASH ON DINNING

'Big spending' Wigan Athletic have once again broken their transfer record for the second time in two seasons by snapping up Tony Dinning from Wolves for an initial fee of £750,000. The Latics captured the former Newcastle and Stockport man originally on loan, just in time for him to make his debut in the 2-0 win at Bury last week, ironically Wigan's first win of the season. Dinning was naturally disappointed to leave the Black Country having spent 12 months with Wolves but was delighted to return to the North West despite dropping a division. "This is a major club with big expectations. Hopefully we will get into the first division for next season, the players we have in our squad here are First Division players".

## GOOD EVANS - PAUL FOR THE BOYO'S?

Brentford skipper Paul Evans continued his sides brilliant start to the season and admitted he would love to line up alongside Ryan Giggs, John Hartson and Kit Symons. The 27 year old was on target in the Bees' 4-0 tonking of Tranmere at Griffin Park to take the West London outfit leading the chase to Division One. Reports suggest Welsh scouts were in the crowd at Griffin Park and Evans admitted it would be an honour to turn out for Mark Hughes's international strugglers. "Everybody wants to represent their country, and I'm no different. If I do get selected you will see a smile on my face for weeks. I would be the second proudest man in the world. My father, and my mother, would obviously be pretty proud of me."





## 'FAULCON' TO FLY FROM NEST?

Wrexham striker Craig Faulconbridge is again the subject of transfer talk. The 23-year old has again been linked with a move away from the Racecourse Ground with Second Division rivals Wycombe and Oldham leading the chase for his signature. The former Coventry City striker has made an excellent start to the season, scoring four in the last five league games, but could leave Wrexham for nothing in the summer as his contract runs out.

Wycombe boss Lawrie Sanchez is a keen admirer of Craig, "We've got an interest in him as he always scores against us." Sanchez tried to sign the Wrexham hitman two years ago, and he admitted that a move for Faulconbridge would also please his defenders!

## HE'S THE ONE FOR CAMBRIDGE

Second Division strugglers Cambridge United have signed French Under 18 striker Armand One with U's boss John Beck believing "it's an incredible coup. He's really, really exciting," enthused Beck. "He was in the French Under 18 squad, and he was with Nantes. They offered him a five year deal, but the boy wants to come to England to make his name over here and through our connections we've got him".

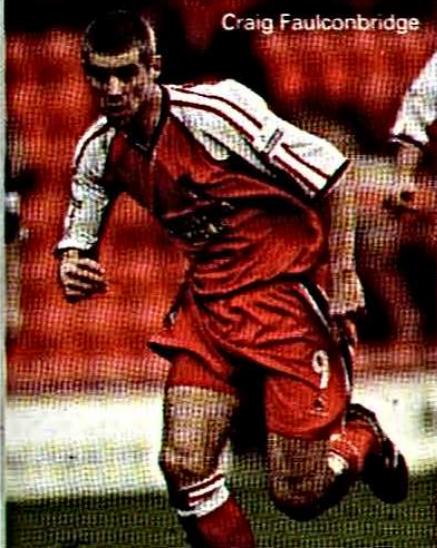
The Cambridge supremo ran the rule over One after the striker arrived in East Anglia on a two week trial, "He scored two with his right foot and two with his left, and he's doing amazing things in training that only international players do."

## CHERRIES LOOK FOR STRIKER

Bournemouth boss Sean O'Driscoll has stepped up his search for a striker after his side's poor start to the season which has seen them fail to find the net at their temporary home in Dorchester. The Cherries blossomed last season thanks to the goals of on loan striker Jermain Defoe, his goals nearly gave the Seaside outfit a place in the play-offs, and O'Driscoll is hoping he can find another goal getting frontman.

"Last year we had Jermain Defoe and hopefully we'll get lucky again" chirped O'Driscoll. "Wages is the main problem. I was quoted £7,000 a week for one player we asked about but that's obviously out of our price range, we can't afford that every week."

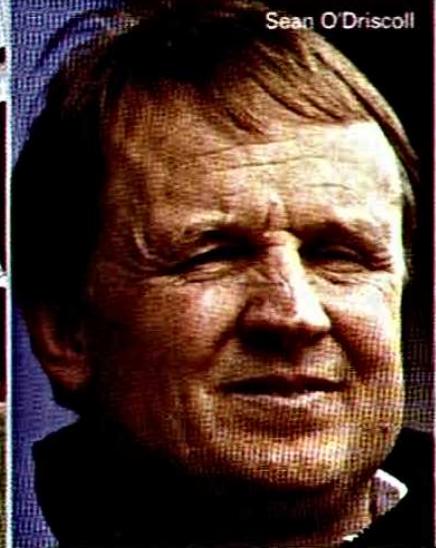
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# TOWN STILL UNBEATEN IN LEAGUE

Town's Ladies side have had two South West Combination League home games since the last programme notes and they subsequently picked up four points.

The first of these games was against old rivals Reading Royals and the game finished in a 2-2 draw. Last season the Royals were relegated from the National League where they have played for the last three seasons, so the two sides had not met for a number of years. Reading took the lead in the first half, a lead that they would hold on to until half-time. Within 30 seconds of the restart Angie Tinson put the Town level. Eight minutes later Laura Morgan gave Town the lead but midway through the second half Reading equalised.

More recently, Town entertained Plymouth Argyle and won by four goals to one. Angie Tinson and Holly Ashman gave Town a two-goal lead at the interval, but Plymouth pulled one back just after the break. Katy Lemon and Angie Tinson hit the net to take the Town's total to four.

Tomorrow Town have another home game against Cardiff City in the South West Combination League. Cardiff, like Reading, were relegated last season from the National League. When the two sides last met in the Combination League three seasons ago the Welsh side completed the double over us, so we will be looking to put that right. This match will be played at Aldbourne Football Club's Ground and will kick off at 3.00 pm. Town's reserve side start their season tomorrow in the Wiltshire County League and travel to Frome.

## South West Combination League 2001/2002

League Table Sep 9 2001

Team	p	w	d	l	f	a	gd	pts
Portsmouth	3	3	0	0	11	1	+10	9
Bristol City	4	3	0	1	12	6	+6	9
Swindon T	4	2	2	0	12	5	+7	8
Reading Ladies	4	2	2	0	12	9	+3	8
Cardiff City	3	2	1	0	15	6	+9	7
Newton Abbot	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4
Reading Royals	3	0	3	0	7	7	0	3
Yeovil Town	4	1	0	3	8	10	-2	3
Cheltenham T	3	1	0	2	5	9	-4	3
Clevedon/SBW	4	0	3	1	4	8	-4	3
Plymouth A	4	0	1	3	4	13	-9	1
Southampton	4	0	1	3	5	17	-12	1



### PLAYER PROFILE

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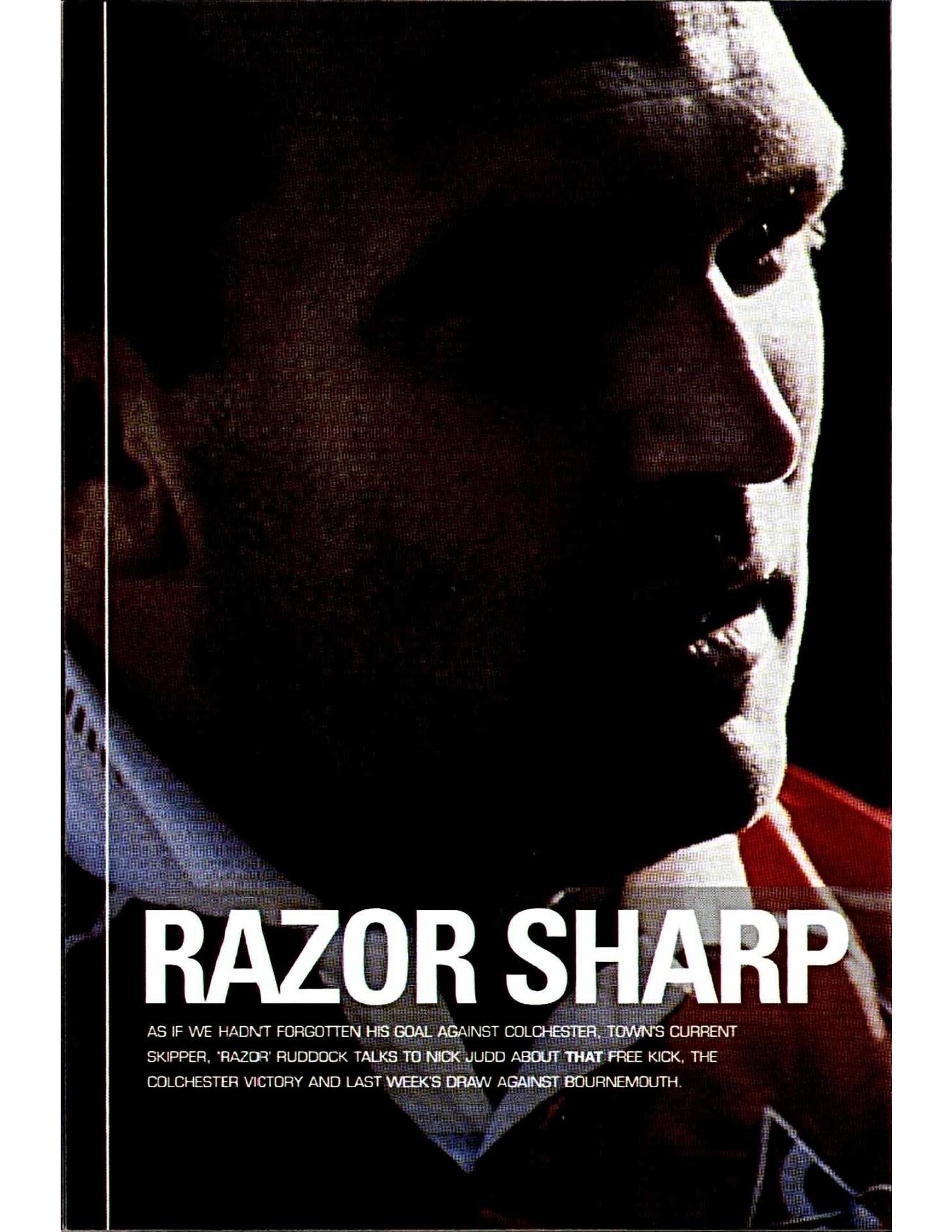
**THE MATCH** - The complacency of English football was shattered with this Wednesday afternoon international at Wembley. Not only did Hungary become the first continental team to beat England at home, but the manner of the defeat was so comprehensive that the more enlightened in the game realised that there had to be a radical reappraisal in thinking. England had Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright, Jimmy Dickinson, Stanley Matthews and Stan Mortensen in their side and the Hungarians were led out by a tubby little man, but Puskas and his teammates possessed a level of skill, athleticism and tactical awareness that dumbfounded the English team. Hidegkuti opened the scoring in the first minute, but England rallied and equalised through Sewell 12 minutes later. Three Hungary goals in seven minutes established their superiority and a Mortensen goal made it 4-2 at half time. Hidegkuti completed his hat-trick in the second half before Ramsey scored a consolation penalty and the final result of 6-3 will always be a significant moment in English football history.



**THE PROGRAMME** - Wembley Stadium issued their familiar 20-page programme printed black on white semi-gloss paper, with red, green and blue colour on the cover. The flags of the competing countries (with the Union Jack used for England) and the Association Crests accompanied the aerial photograph of a packed Wembley in blue, on the front. The price was the conventional 1/- (5p). Contents included the programme of arrangements and Music: a welcome in two languages; visitors information; pen pictures of both teams; photos of the last England home match, a couple of photos of Hungary and past and present fixture details. The advertisers were as predictable as the format and contents - Radio Times, Wembley events, Taylor Walker's Special Pale Ale and Bovril. Collecting England international issues is a popular category and the programmes are sold at a significant premium to League match prices. However, supplies are relatively plentiful for Wembley internationals, although the England v Hungary programme sells for around £20 largely because of its significance and collectability, some three times more than the 1953 England v Scotland programme, for instance.



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# RAZOR SHARP

AS IF WE HADNT FORGOTTEN HIS GOAL AGAINST COLCHESTER, TOWNS CURRENT SKIPPER, 'RAZOR' RUDDOCK TALKS TO NICK JUDD ABOUT THAT FREE KICK, THE COLCHESTER VICTORY AND LAST WEEK'S DRAW AGAINST BOURNEMOUTH.

I must admit, my debut two weeks ago couldn't have gone any better. We kept a clean sheet, won the game and battled for 90 minutes. And I scored the winning goal. I don't want to talk about it too much, but I must admit I was as surprised as anyone to see it fly in. Just the day beforehand we had been working on free kicks. My efforts were finding the woods, the nettles and all sorts and so it was generally agreed that Bobby (Howe) would take them. However, when the opportunity arose, we agreed that the angle just wasn't right (Bob being a right-footer) and so I had a pop. Sometimes (more often than not) they go miles wide and others they go in, thankfully for me and the team it went in and you could tell it had been a while since I had done that because I didn't know how to celebrate! I think I might leave them to Bobby from now on, our latest effort on Saturday at Bournemouth didn't go according to plan!

The most pleasing (and most important) aspect of that game is that we overcame our problem at home and got three points. Make no mistake, Colchester are a very good side, but we hassled them all over the pitch, kept possession and created chances up front. There was a fighting spirit evident that we have not displayed so far this season and it was important that we followed up the Bury win with another victory.

Unfortunately we could not make it three wins out of three last week. Nevertheless, we have to be positive and from that game we earned our fourth clean sheet from six games. However, we are playing well at the moment and with Bournemouth struggling as they are, we really should have taken more from the game. I thought we dominated the opening exchanges and played some great football, we just couldn't stick the ball in the back of the net. Sadly, we have also lost Keith O'Halloran as a result of his leg break. We understand that it is broken in two places, but who knows how long he will be out for. Keith is the second key player we have lost through injury along with Eric and so our squad is being stretched a bit. I hope they both make speedy and full recoveries.

Today we take on a Tranmere side that is looking to get back into the First Division at the first attempt. Tranmere have always been a very difficult team to play against and it was no different when I played against them last season. They were on the receiving end of a big defeat last week and so they will have had a hard week in training and if I know Dave Watson, he will have them at the top of the game looking to make amends this week. I have played against Dave a number of times in the old Liverpool, Everton derbies and he was a very tough player, extremely determined and I am sure that will be portrayed in his side's performance. But we have to focus on our game and not worry about them. With a bit of hard work, the right attitude and your continued support, we will continue our unbeaten run.

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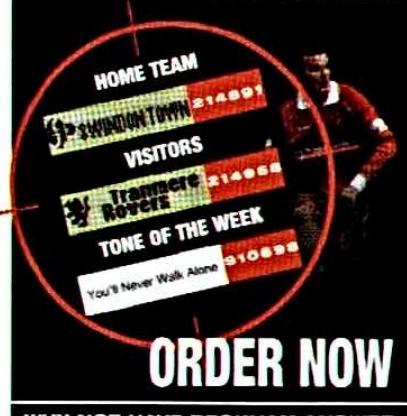
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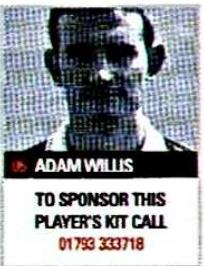
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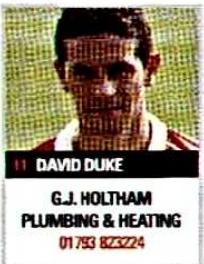
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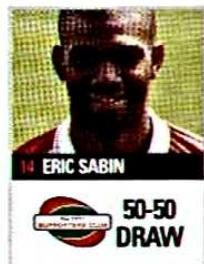
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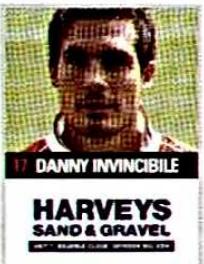
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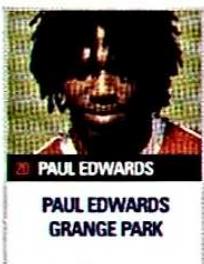
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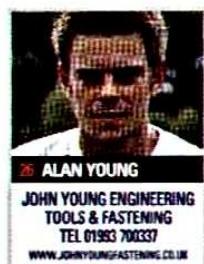
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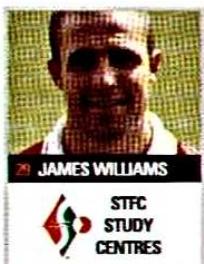
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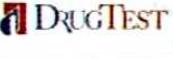
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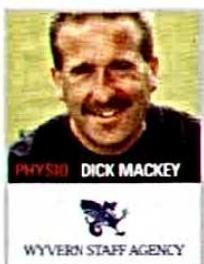
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## Port Vale v Swindon Town Tue Sep 18

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**Last encounter** - Swindon 0-1 Port Vale (County Ground - Sat Jan 13)

**Form guide (league)** - Swindon DLWLWW, Port Vale WDWWD

# VALIANT VALE?

Last season was a rollercoaster ride for Brian Horton's young side. After a dreadful start and a humiliating cup exit to Canvey Island, the Valiants managed to turn their season around.

And if it's a bit early to suggest lightning is going to strike twice, recent results certainly suggest that Vale look set for another topsy-turvy campaign. Having started well with home wins against Notts County (4-2) and Peterborough (4-1), the Burslem side have found life difficult on their travels. Two defeats and no goals suggests the team haven't been able to replicate the solid away form that they displayed last term. And after being punished at home by Reading last week, Vale's performances look decidedly indifferent. All of which makes Town's visit to the Potteries all the more exciting. With both side's results being predictably unpredictable, it would be a brave man who would hazard a guess at an outcome. Town will be keen to avenge the two victories Vale carved out against them last season. Key to Vale's success in front of goal will be last season's bargain buy and scoring sensation, Steve Brooker, who has hit the mark already this season and has formed what looks to be a comfortable partnership with new boy Stephen McPhee. It's McPhee, in fact, signed from Coventry in the summer, who is Vale's top scorer at present with four goals.





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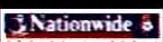


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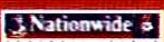


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**CAR** - From the A500, south towards Stoke-on-Trent and then the A527 towards Tunstall. Follow the Tunstall road left off the next roundabout, turn right at the following mini-roundabout onto the B501 which is Newcastle street. Continue into Moorland Road, take the second left into Hamil Road and Vale Park is on your left. Parking can be found on Hamil Road although traffic in Burslem on a Saturday can be a handful.

**TRAIN** - From Stoke station, you need to travel towards Longport that is served only by local trains. For the latest timings call 0845 7484950.

**SWIFT HALF** - The Vine Inn on Hamil Road, or alternatively The Pack Horse or Duke of Bridgewater near Longport station.

All major credit or debit cards accepted. Hostess service hot/cold drinks and light refreshments. All coaches non-smoking. Statutory NO ALCOHOL rule applies. 24hr Information Service Tel: (01793) 825935 County Ground Booking Office (Old Club Shop, off County Road) Tel: (01793) 536757 Open: Tuesday & Thursday: 10.00am - 2.00pm. Thursday evenings 7.00pm - 9.00pm & Saturday matchdays 1.30pm - 2.45pm other matchdays from 2 hours before K.O.

### HOME



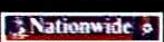
vs Brentford  
 (COUNTY GROUND)  
 Sat Sep 15 - 3.00pm



Tickets on sale now

Adults	£14 - £16
Concessions	£7 - £10
Juniors	£4 - £5

### AWAY



vs Reading  
 (MADEJSKI STADIUM)  
 Sat Oct 13 - 3.00pm



to be confirmed

Adults	£tbc
Concessions	£tbc
Juniors	£tbc



## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Adults £5.00

Concessions £3.00

(Senior citizens, disabled and under 18)

Family £15.00

(Up to 5 people, maximum 2 Adults)

Please join today, with your help we can really make a difference.

# Swindon Town Supporters Club

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Major sponsors of the School of Excellence for 2001/02 <http://go.to/swindontown> Tel: 01225 866012

At the time of writing these notes, there had been no claim for the winning ticket of the Evening Advertiser sponsored half-time draw - the winning number was 870. There is £308 awaiting the lucky winner and we were very grateful to Paul Bodin for doing the honours and drawing the prize winning ticket.

The 50/50 draw has taken up the kit sponsorship of Eric Sabin. We hope all patrons think that this is a good choice despite his recent unfortunate injury. We wish Eric a speedy recovery and hope that he will soon be back terrorising the opposing defences.

A reminder that our disabled Group operate a refreshment kiosk within the Nationwide stand and it is well worth a visit. The disabled group held the first of their monthly meetings last Monday in the Winners Bar. All disabled supporters and their helpers are welcome to the regular monthly meetings which usually also have a player or club official in attendance. A report of the meeting will follow in the next programme. As well as these meetings the group also organise

special trips to away games and other events so it is really worth joining in.

Any supporter still needing to collect their membership cards should call in and see Tracy in the away travel office. She can be found on Saturday match days between 1.30 and 2.45. Tracy will be happy to answer any questions regarding membership and she will also explain the benefits available to members. This season has seen an increased discount on away travel with the official travel organisation and joining our club can save you money over the course of the season.

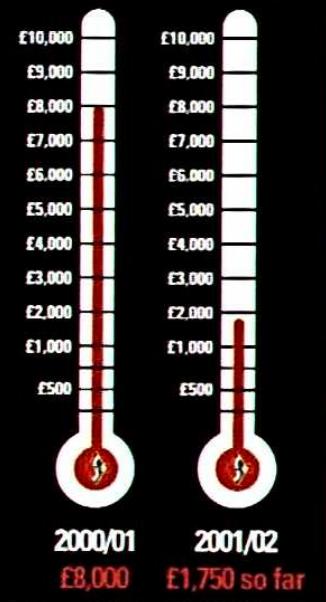
Contact us now for membership, details of the cost are included at the top of this page. It is tremendous to think that we currently have more members signed up so far this season, than at the same stage last term. Despite all of the pre-season uncertainty, the fans have shown their support. Please come and join us, we can really make a difference for the football club and you individually.

The latest positions in the National Supporters Club Sporting

quiz are as follows. Keep up to date with future progress by our team by tuning in to the programme schedules.

DO I NOT KNOW THAT STANDINGS QUIZ TEAM	POINT
Liverpool	71
Leicester City	62
Nottingham Forest	49
Swindon Town	47
Exeter City	32
Hull City	24
Walsall	17

## FUND RAISING FOR STFC





Today's 'Talk of the terraces' is Supporters Club member, Stuart Thompsett from Bideford in Devon. Stuart is aged 50 and usually watches home games from the half-way line, although he has no preference as to whether this is from the Arkells or Nationwide stand.

# TALK OF THE TERRACES

## FIRST HOME MATCH SEEN?

It was a long time ago in 1962, so much so that I can't recall the opponents?

## FAVOURITE PLAYER OF ALL TIME?

Don Rogers.

## FAVOURITE PLAYER IN PRESENT TEAM?

Eric Sabin.

## MOST MEMORABLE HOME MATCH?

It was the game against West Ham in the League cup in the late 60's.

## MOST MEMORABLE AWAY MATCH?

Bristol City last season (I think quite a few fans would have enjoyed that!)

## BIGGEST MOAN/GRIPE?

Lack of quality wingers.

## WHICH PLAYER WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE BACK IN A TOWN SHIRT?

Kevin Horlock.

## UNUSUAL STORY FROM WATCHING THE TOWN?

I had things thrown at me in the Town End in the 1960's at an Orient match, for wearing blue.

## PREDICTION FOR THIS YEAR?

If Roy Evans can get the team to mid-table, he will have done a good job.

## MOST SATISFYING WIN LAST SEASON?

Peterborough, which would have been celebrated like any win or loss with a well earned pint.



## Centre of Excellence

WITH PHIL CANNON

This week the Centre of Excellence restarted both its games and coaching regimes at Allied Dunbar and Greendown Community School. I have spoken before about needing good quality pitches for our elite players and in Allied Dunbar, we have fantastic facilities and I am sure any visitors will be envious of them.

Last weekend we played Cardiff City under 14's and 15's. I was with the under 15's and both sides showed tremendous quality. We eventually lost 2-1 and there were a mixture of both good and bad performances. This group has enjoyed a good summer and pre-season, but they were brought down to earth with a bang. Each game we learn more and our players and hopefully they learn more about themselves. After the game we explained that results don't matter to coaches but they should matter to the players. I've been with some ex pro's who don't like getting beat at anything. They become mentally tougher before, during and after games. Although we try and encourage our players and prepare them properly for games they must also prepare themselves. Fitness, sleep, eating habits and equipment should all be taken into consideration if they are to succeed in their quest to become footballers.



RAILTRACK



# BUILDING BRIDGES

## SWINDON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

We are delighted today to welcome back Calne Town Youth under 16's. Dave Llylof and his lads are becoming regular visitors to our Saturday team club and we are delighted to welcome them back again this season.



Pictured here from left to right:  
Gary Millen, Ben Neath, Daniel Brown, Alec Wells, Luke Deboer, David Herring, Nick Titcombe, Tom Last (vice captain), Richard Johnson and Scoot Moriarty, Anthony Cook (keeper)

Calne play at John Bentley School in their second season (00-01) of the Mid-Wilts youth league they finished 5th (mid-table). Helpers include Paul Davtry, Kevin Clifford, John Last, Wendy Moriarty and the ever-dependable missus; Helen.

This has been our best summer on record with us coaching just under 1,000 children in five weeks. With three courses here at the football club and in between travelling to Chippenham, Marlborough and Uffington along with two coaching days at Neatconnide, we were extremely pleased with the summer holiday period. Despite the weather being indifferent I think it would be fair to say everyone who attended our courses went away more than happy! A big thank you to all our coaches again who did us proud over the five weeks.

Our claim to fame was our last course here at the club when we had a magnificent 215 attend, beating our previous record of 214 we set during Easter in 1998.

Our next course is October half term, so to avoid disappointment please get your forms from main reception, or give us a call on 01793 421303, and we can get the information in the post.

Also may we remind about our Saturday Team club. This is being run throughout the season and we have sent out information to hundreds of local junior clubs. If you would like some details for your football team give us a call on 01793 421303. The Saturday Team Club involves local junior football teams visiting the club on match days and having a look at what goes on at the club behind the scenes. The day also consists of a ninety minute coaching session (with qualified coaches), lunch, a match day programme and a ticket in the Arkell's Stand to watch the game.

Signing off  
Clive, Jon and Luke.

## SWINDON TOWN STUDY CENTRE

# PLAYING FOR SUCCESS

During August, local schools brought their pupils to the STFC Study Centres. We provide a wealth of opportunities to learn through practical activities and the children attending Ridgeway, John of Gaunt and Hardenhuish schools measured the pitch, interviewed staff and visited the boot room. The children attending Churchfields and Hardenhuish also had the opportunity to search for their favourite players on the web and interview James Williams, Alan Young (pictured below) and Paul McAreavey. This term we will be welcoming pupils from St.Catherines, Ruskin, Eldene Junior schools, and Even and Headlands, Dorcan, Herod Parkway and Commonweal Secondary schools.



### DENISE RYAN - IT TECHNICIAN

Denise is a familiar figure at the County Ground. She manages the two computer networks and all of our IT equipment. She can often be found in different parts of the club helping staff install programs on their computers, or rebuilding them when they have crashed. Denise was transferred from Chippenham College nearly three years ago and is a dedicated Swindon Town Fan. She and her daughter, Sinead are founder members of the STFC TRUST. This means that Denise can answer tricky questions about computers and STFC.

We are very pleased to sponsor James this season. He is always willing to be interviewed by the children. I know he is really frustrated with his injury at the moment and we wish him a speedy recovery.

## MAN WITH THE MIC

WITH GARY TATE

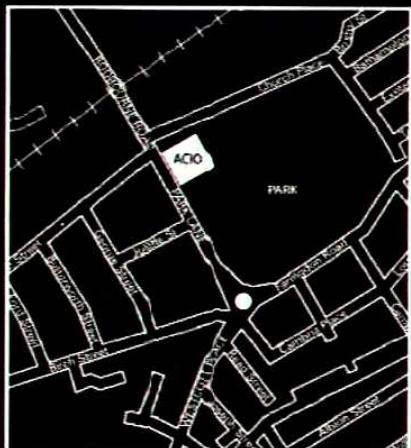
Somebody please pinch me, I think I am dreaming! Three league fixtures without leaking a goal, four goals scored and seven points in the bag!

That said, I cannot remember the last time we went three games undefeated in the league without conceding a goal. If somebody had predicted a return of seven points from three games after the dire performance against Oldham, they would probably have been carted off by the men in the white coats. What a transformation. However, just when things are looking rosy something has to put a damper on it. May I take this opportunity to wish both Eric and Keith a speedy recovery. I hope Roy Evans has the opportunity to strengthen the squad, it is important to keep up the momentum.

Today's visitors, Tranmere, have had their problems since being relegated. I would like to see their poor run continue today whilst wishing Dave Watson and his charges well for the future.

All the music you hear today has kindly been donated by HMV and their manager in Swindon, James Eveleigh. They have continued their support of STFC and will be supplying music for the rest of the season.

“TEAM  
SPIRIT.  
WE  
INVENTED  
IT.”



When you're a part of a battalion, you share everything. You're mates for life. They'll watch your back wherever you go. Crossing deserts in pitch darkness, abseiling from helicopters or rafting down raging rivers in some of the most exotic places in the world. It's the ultimate in team spirit. If you've got what it takes, take it further.



We're recruiting locally now.  
Tel: **01793 523251** or visit your local  
Army Careers Office at Yeomanry House,  
Church Place, Swindon.

[www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk)

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FELIX!

A big Happy Birthday goes to Felix Smith, aged 14. Felix lives at All Cannings near Devizes and he has been an executive box holder with the rest of his family since he was five. Felix has been a mascot several times including at away games and his favourite player is Keith O'Halloran, whom he saw play at one of his other favourite clubs, St Johnstone. Felix is an admirer of both Roy Evans and Neil Ruddock and he saw 'Razor' play a few times at Southampton. Southampton recently invited Felix to become a member to take over the membership of his brother, 18 year old Rupert, who sadly died in a freak accident earlier this year.

# REAL FANS REAL FOOTBALL



## YOUNGS' ON TOUR

Pictured here are John and Kim Young in Malta. Kim and John are both Town supporters and they write that this picture was taken when they met up with Steve Barbara, a number one Town supporter. They continue, "Steve recently got married to Zabrina and they are expecting a baby around Christmas/New Year." John and Kim also completed a two-week holiday in the US where they drove 2,000 miles.



## WHITE UP-TO-DATE

Last season we featured Town supporter Simon White on his travels. Simon kept us up-to-date with his travels with a number of pictures and he has sent us three more for the new season. The first, pictured here, is of Simon (in his Town shirt) abseiling down the Pattaya Park Tower in Pattaya, Thailand. Look out for more of Simon's pictures next week.



## PLAY YOUR PART

As well as winning 1-0, you may have noticed that the game against Colchester was designated Trust Day. The trust was launched on August 8 and TRUSTSTFC day was a resounding success but it is not too late to play your part. If you would like to contribute to the running of the club or offer your services to help, then you can get in contact with them via their web site at [www.truststfc.co.uk](http://www.truststfc.co.uk).

Quick Quiz answers  
What year? 1994 (Scott Letch)  
Guess who? Alan Reeves  
What team? Cardiff City

# QUICK QUIZ

## WHAT YEAR?

Can you guess the year from this picture?



## GUESS WHO?

Can you identify the Town player described below from the use of these clues?

1. He was born in Birkenhead
2. He started his professional career with Norwich City in 1988
3. His previous clubs include Wimbledon and Rochdale
4. He was top scorer last season until October
5. He got sent off at Ashton Gate

## WHAT CLUB?

Can you identify this second division side from the following clues?

1. They play at Ninian Park
2. Links with Swindon Town include Keith O'Halloran and Wayne O'Sullivan (remember him?!)
3. They were relegated from Division Two two season's ago
4. Recent signings include Graham Kavanagh and Spencer Prior
5. They won the FA Cup in 1927



Ninian Park - but who plays here?



with George Chadwick

## JUNIOR ROBINS

A big welcome to all our JR's and to those that travelled to Dorchester, I hope you had a good journey.

We have three reciprocal games so far this season, they are:

NOTTS COUNTY, Dec 22

HUDDERSFIELD, March 9

STOKE CITY, April 1

Let's hope a few more clubs will be interested as the season goes on, but we need a more positive response from you if we are hoping to do so.

If you are interested in being a mascot for home matches, please contact Rob O'Carroll on 01793 333718. Remember, there is a special discount for all Junior Robins. Some of you have been interested in being an away mascot. If you or any of your friends would like to take part, then please contact George on 01672 520673. If you are aged between 12 and 15 years of age and you are interested in being a tall boy/girl at home games, please ring Richard who will be pleased to hear from you on 01993 703110 for any information.

Come on you reds!

If you are interested in joining, then contact Swindon Town's Soccer Centre co-ordinator, Jimmy Fraser, on 01793 644777



 service point

# SOCCKER CENTRES WITH JIMMY FRASER



The soccer centres started again this week and it was great to see you all back in action. This year in the centres our coaching sessions will be structured into the kids' learning. This includes all the basic skills and techniques such as passing, control, dribbling and shooting, as well as helping the kids with their positional play. This I hope, will only help the kids in their understanding and enjoyment of football. There are some spaces at our centres, so if anyone is still interested in joining the soccer centres, then please call me, Jimmy Fraser at the club on 01793 644777. Soccer Centre members have until December 31 to obtain their 10% discount off Town's new third kit.

### SWINDON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SOCCER CENTRES

#### OASIS (Swindon Borough)

Monday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 10 years
Saturday	9.00 - 10.00 am	5 - 8 years
	10.00 - 11.00 am	5 - 8 years

#### LINK CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Monday	4.30 - 5.30 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.30 - 6.30 pm	8 - 11 years
Thursday	4.30 - 5.30 pm	5 years
	5.30 - 6.30 pm	7 - 8 years

#### HIGHWORTH (Swindon Borough)

Tuesday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 8 years
Thursday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	8 - 11 years

#### MARLBOROUGH

Wednesday	3.30 - 4.00 pm	5 - 7 years
	4.00 - 5.00 pm	7 - 9 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	9 - 12 years

#### HAYDON CENTRE (Swindon Borough)

Thursday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	9 - 11 years

#### RIDGEWAY LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	5 - 7 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	8 - 11 years

#### MALMESBURY ACTIVITY ZONE (new)

Monday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 & 6 years
Monday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 & 8 years

#### CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesday	5.30 - 6.30 pm	9 - 11 years
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#### STRATTON

Monday	3.30 - 4.30 PM	6 - 7 years
	4.30 - 5.30 PM	9 - 11 years
Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30 PM	5 - 6 years
	4.30 - 5.30 PM	9 - 10 years
Wednesday	3.30 - 4.30 PM	7 - 8 years
	4.30 - 5.30 PM	8 - 9 years
Friday	3.30 - 4.30 PM	5 - 6 years

#### BAMPTON

Friday	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7, 8 & 9 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	10 - 11 years

#### TIDWORTH (new)

Friday	4.00 - 5.00 pm	5 - 6 years
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	7 - 8 years
	6.00 - 7.00 pm	9 - 11 years

# Head 2 Head

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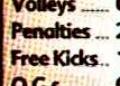
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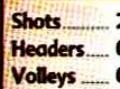
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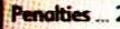
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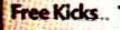
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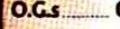
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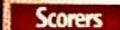
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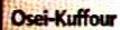
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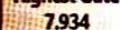
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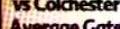
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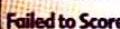
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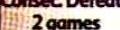
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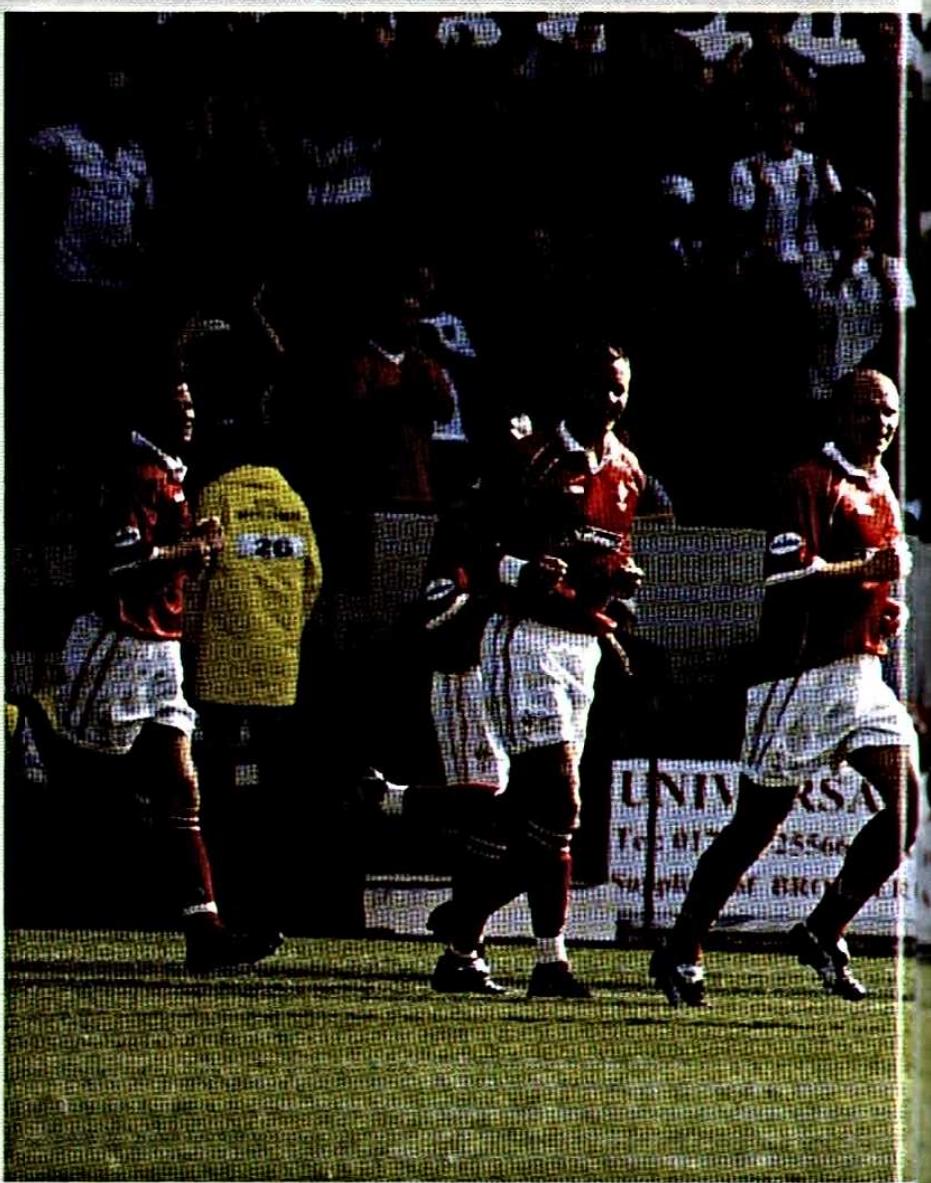
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GRAZIOLI 2	Scored two goals
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## STATS 2001/02

Date	Time	Opponents	Attn	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sat Aug 11	(H) 3.00pm	Peterborough Utd	7,834												
Sat Aug 18	(A) 3.00pm	Bristol City	13,818												
Wed Aug 22	(A) 7.45pm	Wolves v/c	7,598												
Sat Aug 25	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	5,219												
Mon Aug 27	(A) 3.00pm	Bury	3,202												
Sat Sep 1	(H) 3.00pm	Colchester Utd	4,881												
Sat Sep 8	(A) 3.00pm	Bournemouth	3,770												
Tue Sep 11	(A) 7.45pm	West Brom v/c	14,536												
Sat Sep 15	(H) 3.00pm	Tranmere Rovers													
Tue Sep 18	(A) 7.45pm	Port Vale													
Sat Sep 22	(A) 3.00pm	Chesterfield													
Tue Sep 25	(H) 7.45pm	Brentford													
Sat Sep 29	(A) 3.00pm	Northampton Town													
Sat Oct 6	(H) 3.00pm	Wrexham													
Wed Oct 10	Worthington Cup Third Round														
Sat Oct 13	(A) 3.00pm	Reading													
Sun Oct 21	(H) 2.15pm	Cardiff City													
Tue Oct 23	(H) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd													
Sat Oct 27	(A) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers													
Sat Nov 3	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City													
Sat Nov 10	(A) 3.00pm	Blackpool													
Sat Nov 17	FA Cup First Round														
Tue Nov 20	(A) 7.45pm	QPR													
Sat Nov 24	(H) 3.00pm	Brighton & Hove													
Wed Nov 28	Worthington Cup Fourth Round														
Sat Dec 1	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath													
Sat Dec 8	FA Cup Second Round														
Wed Dec 12	Worthington Cup Fifth Round														
Sat Dec 16	(H) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town													
Sat Dec 22	(A) 3.00pm	Notts County													
Wed Dec 26	(H) 1.00pm	Wrexham													
Sat Dec 29	(H) 3.00pm	Leeds													
Tue Jan 1	(A) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd													
Sat Jan 5	(A) 3.00pm	Oldham Ath													
Sat Jan 12	FA Cup Third Round														
Wed Jan 9	Worthington Cup Semi-Final														
Sat Jan 12	(H) 3.00pm	Bristol City													
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Sat Feb 2	(A) 1.00pm	Wrexham													
Sat Feb 9	FA Cup Fourth Round														
Sat Feb 16	(H) 3.00pm	Nottingham Town													
Fri Feb 22	(A) 3.00pm	Cardiff City													
Sun Feb 24	Worthington Cup Final														
Tue Feb 26	(H) 7.45pm	Colchester Utd													
Sat Mar 2	(H) 3.00pm	Brentford													
Tue Mar 5	(A) 7.45pm	Brentford													
Sat Mar 9	(A) 3.00pm	Huddersfield Town													
Sat Mar 16	FA Cup Sixth Round														
Sat Mar 23	(A) 3.00pm	Wigan Ath													
Sat Mar 30	(A) 3.00pm	Cambridge Utd													
Mon Apr 1	(A) 3.00pm	Brockley													
Sat Apr 6	(H) 3.00pm	Stoke City													
Sat Apr 13	(A) 3.00pm	KFC													
Sat Apr 14	FA Cup Semi-Final														
Sat Apr 20	(H) 3.00pm	Wycombe Wanderers													
Sun May 4	FA Cup Final														



Fixtures and kick-off times are subject to alteration for television purposes and other league requirements.

# TOP SCORERS SPOTLIGHT GATES / FORM

TOTAL	PLAYER'S NAME	GOAL RATIO
3	Keith O'Halloran	45%
1	Neil Ruddock	33%
1	Jo Kaffour	25%
1	Bobby Howe	14%
1	David Duke	13%

NEIL RUDDOCK	
AGE	33
DATE OF BIRTH	09.05.68
PLACE OF BIRTH	Wandsworth
HEIGHT	6' 2"
WEIGHT	12st 12lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS	West Ham, Spurs, Liverpool
GOALS	1.

14.64	Coventry City	6.01.01
10.01	Bristol City	10.02.01
8.14	Peterborough Utd	28.04.01
5.07	Bristol Rovers	21.10.00
0.2L	West Brom	11.09.01
0.0B	Bournemouth	08.09.01
1.0W	Colchester	01.09.01
3.0W	Bury	27.08.01

Season 2001/02

12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	25	26	27	29	30
SABIN	MCKINNEY	RUDDOCK	INVINCIBLE	BRAYLEY	HEYWOOD	EDWARDS	DAVIES	REEVES	S ROBINSON	YOUNG	MCAREVEY	WILLIAMS		
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## SWINDON

**Director of Football**  
**Roy Evans**

Bart Griemink	1
Mark Robinson	2
Sol Davis	3
Matthew Hewlett	4
Adam Willis	5
Andrew Gurney	6
Keith O'Halloran	7
Bobby Howe	8
Jo Kuffour	9
Guiliano Grazioli	10
David Duke	11
Juan Cobian	12
Eric Sabin	14
Richard McKinney	15
Neil Ruddock	16
Daniel Invincibile	17
Berti Brayley	18
Matthew Heywood	19
Paul Edwards	20
Gareth Davies	21
Alan Reeves	22
Steve Robinson	25
Alan Young	26
Paul McAreavey	27
James Williams	29
Chris Collins	-
Craig Farr	-



## TRANMERE

**Manager**  
**Dave Watson**

Joe Murphy	1
Steve Yates	2
Gareth Roberts	3
Graham Allen	4
Dave Challinor	5
Clint Hill	6
Mickey Mellon	7
Jason Koumas	8
Andy Parkinson	9
Seyni N'Diaye	10
Stuart Barlow	11
Alan Morgan	12
John Achterberg	13
Paul Rideout	14
Wayne Allison	15
Sean Flynn	16
Wayne Gill	17
Richard Jobson	18
Richard Hinds	19
Reuben Hazell	20
Ian Sharps	21
James Olsen	22
Iain Hume	23
Alex Hay	24
Paul Aldridge	25
Phillip Baker	27
Nick Henry	31



## Division Two 2001/2002

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Brentford	5	4	1	0	10	2	13
Colchester	6	4	1	1	14	7	13
Huddersfield	6	4	1	1	8	4	13
Oldham	6	3	3	0	14	9	12
Bristol City	5	3	2	0	9	3	11
Brighton	6	3	2	1	8	4	11
Reading	5	3	1	1	6	2	10
Wycombe W	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
Cardiff City	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
Notts Co	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Swindon	6	2	2	2	5	5	8
QPR	6	2	2	2	4	4	8
Peterborough	6	2	2	2	5	7	8
Stoke City	5	2	1	2	6	4	7
Port Vale	6	2	1	3	9	10	7
Tranmere	6	1	2	3	6	11	5
Wigan	4	1	1	2	5	5	4
Blackpool	5	1	1	3	4	10	4
Bournemouth	5	0	3	2	4	6	3
Wrexham	4	0	3	1	8	11	3
Chesterfield	6	0	3	3	5	10	3
Bury	5	1	0	4	3	10	3
Northampton	6	1	0	5	5	14	3
Cambridge	6	0	2	4	4	9	2



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Saturday 15th September 2001

kick-off 3.00pm

## MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: M. G. Cowburn  
Assistant 1: K. Pike  
Assistant 2: S. Tomlinson  
4th Official: S. D. Habgood



## TODAY'S FIXTURES

Sat Sep 15 2001/02

Bournemouth	vs	Bury
Bristol City	vs	Colchester
Cambridge	vs	Cardiff City
Huddersfield	vs	Blackpool
Northampton	vs	Chesterfield
Notts Co	vs	Brentford
Oldham	vs	Peterborough
QPR	vs	Port Vale
Stoke City	vs	Reading
Swindon	vs	Tranmere
Wycombe W	vs	Wigan